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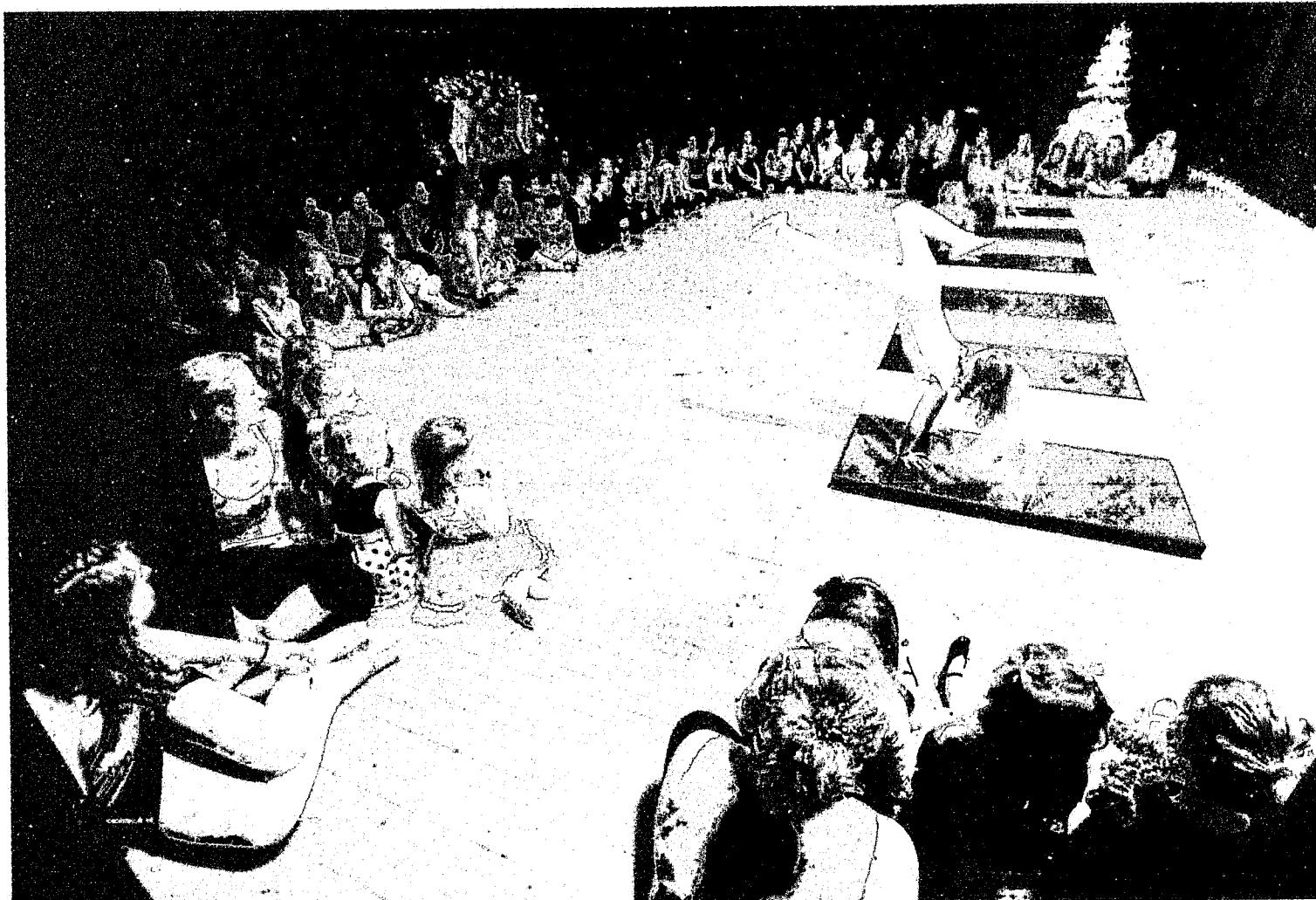
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## Best seats in the house



OLDER DANCERS MORGAN LEE AND JAMIE STEVEN, lower left, and scores of other "Dancing in The Snow" performers have a great view as young Grace Moyer demonstrates just how much she really wants a hippopotamus for Christmas. Nearly 100 dancers, ages 2 1/2 and up, practiced since early October for Monday evening's annual holiday recital, held in Telstar's Helen Berry Auditorium.

## Two towns readying for possible demise of Tri-Town Rescue

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Officials in Greenwood and West Paris have been scrambling for more than a week to ensure their residents have emergency ambulance service in the event financially beleaguered Tri-Town Rescue Service is no longer able to respond.

On Wednesday they were awaiting a decision by the Med-Care Board of Directors (scheduled to meet that evening) on whether the Mexico-based service would be willing to fill in, at least temporarily, should Tri-Town prove unable.

PACE, United available

"Our concern as towns is to make sure we have coverage for our residents," Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks said Tuesday.

However she assured residents that whatever the Med-Care decision might be, they need not worry that if they were to have a medical emergency no ambulance would be on the way.

"In previous discussions PACE has said: 'Call us whenever you need us,'" Sparks said.

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## Late-night excursion in Gilead ends in woman's death by hypothermia

By ALISON ALOISIO

A Gilead woman died of hypothermia last week after falling into water along the gas pipeline off the North Road.

Marie Anderson, 52, had ridden out on the pipeline in a Jeep driven by a male acquaintance, at about 11 p.m. Dec. 5, according to Oxford County Sheriff Lt. Hart Daley.

Daley said the two were looking for animal tracks in the freshly fallen snow.

About a mile out, the Jeep became stuck in soft ground. The man, who Daley did not identify, started to walk back to the road for help.

But he had not gotten far when Anderson got out of the vehicle herself and fell into waist-deep water, going completely under.

The man returned and pulled her out, soaking him self in the process, said Daley.

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## Telstar earns high grades in U.S. News & World Report's 2009 evaluation of public high schools

By ALISON ALOISIO

Telstar is one of 10 public high schools in Maine selected by U.S. News & World Report as "America's Best High Schools" in the magazine's 2009 rankings.

The rankings were based on information from the 2007-2008 school year.

According to the rankings, which can be found at [www.usnews.com/sections/education/high-schools](http://www.usnews.com/sections/education/high-schools), 21,786 public high schools in 48 states were analyzed under a methodology developed by School Evaluation Services, a K-12 education data research business operated by Standard & Poor's.

The rankings are "based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators," the site said.

The top schools were assigned gold, silver or bronze medals. Telstar received bronze.

The Maine schools included

'A nice accolade,' said SAD44 Supt. David Murphy, but he has received no explanation of factors that led to Telstar's selection.

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were:

Gold - The Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone.

Silver - Cape Elizabeth, Falmouth, Greely (Cumberland) and York.

Bronze - Fort Fairfield, Katahdin, Mt. Abram, Telstar and Waterville.

Methodology

A three-step process determined the best high schools.

The first two steps "ensured that the schools serve all their students well, using state pro-

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## Our campus buildings grow greener

### Bryant Pond 4-H Center receives \$49K grant for photovoltaics project

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Bryant Pond has been awarded a \$49,440 demonstration project grant from the Maine Public Utilities Commission's Renewable Resources Fund.

The grant, which requires a 20-percent match, will underwrite the installation of 10.8-kilowatt, grid-tied photovoltaic system for the center's proposed new four-season "Lakeside Lodge" dormitory and

classroom building.

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"We continue to implement green initiatives and are happy to add this boiler to the

list," Radcliffe said. "This will be a great pilot program for us to see how we potentially can apply this technology to other buildings on campus."

A gift to the school, the new pellet system will serve as the primary source of heat for the 142-year-old building.

Rackliffe estimates that the boiler will burn 18 tons of pellets a year and that Gould could see a savings of up to

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## Ear-to-the-Rail Dept. — Might distant rumblings herald eventual return of passenger service here?

By ALISON ALOISIO

At a Maine Department of Transportation hearing Monday on a state rail plan study, Bethel-area business representatives put in a plug for passenger rail service through here.

Such service could potentially allow the area to tap the high population centers of Montreal, Portland and Boston.

The St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Co. currently provides freight service on the

track between Portland and Montreal.

The Lewiston hearing presented preliminary findings on the potential for freight and passenger service expansion in the state.

But many Lewiston-Auburn area businesspeople expressed frustration that proposals for improved rail service from Portland to Brunswick and Fryeburg are higher on MDOT's priority list than

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Champagne toast, sleigh rides and more!

The Main Dining Room will open for the winter season on Christmas Eve, 5:30pm - 9pm, then open nightly through the vacation week. Country Breakfast served daily starting December 19th. This winter, Kids 11 and under eat FREE from the Kid's menu with each adult dinner.

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## Christmas & New Year's EARLY AD DEADLINE

The Bethel Citizen will be CLOSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Due to the short production time, we've moved our December 23rd edition

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Friday, Dec. 18th at 4:00 pm

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

Bethel Citizen





## EARLY NEWS DEADLINE

Due to the Christmas holiday, The Citizen will be published a day early next week, on Dec. 23. To accommodate that schedule, the deadline for news copy, including town and organization news, community calendar listings, and letters to the editor, has been moved to 10 a.m. Monday.

## Letters

## LIVING NATIVITY CASTING CALL

## To the Editor:

Well, it is that time of the year again in which we as a community celebrate the Christmas season in many ways — Country Christmas in Bethel, school programs, church services, caroling, business and family open houses, and the annual Living Nativity, presented on the Common by the people of the community. It is a wonderful opportunity that this community still affords itself, to quietly remember the foundational meaning of Christmas amidst all the hustle and bustle of everything else that has become part of the celebration. How refreshing. How appropriate. What a joyful thing to gather the community around for at this special season of the year.

So, this is the annual call to all who would like to get involved in the presentation again (or for the first time) this year. It takes a lot of people to "pull it off," as we would like to include everyone. We need shepherds, wise men, angels (big and small) and others who can work together with others to fill the cast. We also need community choir members who will sing in the gazebo. Finally, we are also in need of animals (the four-legged kind), sheep, goats, cows or any farm animals. If anyone would like to be involved at any of these levels, preparation will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. So, come, don a costume, grab a shepherd's staff, put on a king's crown, or grow some angel wings and a halo (if for but a short time). We also need a crowd to watch, listen and sing, so come and be part of this special community expression Christmas celebration. The presentation will begin at 5 p.m. on the common, next to the gazebo.

If anyone has questions, or would like to let us know of willingness to help in advance, please call (or leave a message) at 824-2289, Bethel Alliance Church. We'll see everyone on the Bethel Common on the 20th. Merry Christmas! For more information, call me at 824-2715 or Nancy Bellinger at 824-4567.

Drew Webster  
Chair, Living Nativity

## ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY THANKS

## To the Editor:

The Andover Food Pantry thanks all of the people who helped to make it a good Thanksgiving for its clients. We would especially like to thank the Rumford Firemen's Local Union, for the turkeys, Andover Service Circle, East Andover Community Club, Hannaford Supermarket, the many volunteers who helped us put together the baskets, and the many other people who donated to help us.

It is with the generosity of many that we are able to meet the need of others.

Linda Couture  
Andover Food Pantry Director

## UNLOCKING AUTISM WEBSITE

## To the Editor:

I want to let everyone know that we now have a website up and running; it still needs some more stuff added to it but it's a great start. I'm really proud of this site. It's wonderful and I truly want to thank Jim and Vera from Computer Solutions for all their time and for donating this site for the Unlocking Autism cause. If you would like to donate whatever you can, please visit our website, [www.unlockingautism-me.org](http://www.unlockingautism-me.org). We will be putting up more as we go. There will be a pay pal account and registration form for the ride and a sponsorship form for anyone who would like to raise money on their own for Autism.

Thank you all so much and I will keep you all informed of all that's happening as we go.

Tabatha Steward  
Maine State Representative for Unlocking Autism

## CHRISTMAS HOPE

## To the Editor:

With another Christmas season upon us, with all its hopes and fears, with all its triumphs and tragedies, let us remember the true meaning of this time of year.

In the Gospel of Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

In the bustling and busyness of the season, remember the true meaning of the season, is not in gift giving, not in partying, etc., it is remembering, Jesus, "Emmanuel, God with us." Jesus, wants to be with you, to guide you, to comfort you, in every situation that you find yourself.

May you have a wonderful Christmas season and a wonderful 2010, as you remember Jesus. (For further spiritual assistance please call 824-6865 or e-mail [holiday@megalink.net](mailto:holiday@megalink.net).)

John D. Holliday  
Bethel

## THANKS, FOLKS, AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE

## To the Editor:

This will be the first winter season in 38 years that we will not be opening Sunday River Inn. As many know, we have leased the facility to Wilderness House and we are moving toward retirement. As we look back over 38 years, we want to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support. Our business would not have been successful without the support of other area businesses, our employees, our neighbors and friends.

We purchased the inn from Ed and Julie Daye and continued their model of a warm family-oriented inn. Rae Bartholomew ran the inn for us the winter prior to our move to Newry in May of 1971. What would this naïve couple have done without the mentoring of fellow innkeepers, Ev and Nick Nickerson (Nick walked Peggy through her first big dinner!), local companies and service providers (Dick Littlefield made a late-night call to get our system back running when we had 50 teenagers at the inn)! Cross-Country skiing was getting a rebirth in 1972 and thanks to Paul Kailey we had our first rental skis in the basement.

No business can succeed without the help of their employees. Over the years we have had more than we can name here who have touched our lives and become part of the Sunday River Inn family. Joyce Bennett was our first housekeeper; Honey Bailey wowed them with left-handed pancakes for many years; David Coleman was the first XC director; and Jack Dennis, was our "Jack of all trades" for many years. Susan Isham has worn every hat at the inn over the past 15-plus years and is staying on with Wilderness House to run their Nordic operation.

The Bethel Area is a wonderful place to raise a family. We are grateful for a community that supports children and for the quality education our children received in the local schools.

There is no end to the memories and words of appreciation we want to express. If you are available on Dec. 17 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., please join us for coffee at the Wilderness House.

Peggy and Steve Wight  
Neury

## PLEASE KEEP SENDING HER YOUR THOUGHTS

## To the Editor:

In this season of giving and sharing, I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all of you for all your thoughts and prayers for my daughter, Brandi.

It is so wonderful to live in a small town where everyone knows and cares about you. (Mary, thanks for the hug, it was just what I needed.) Special thanks to my family and my extended family at work. Since her bone marrow transplant 1½ years ago, Brandi continues to struggle with ups and downs. It seems like more downs lately than ups.

Through it all she has maintained a positive attitude and wants nothing more than to be with her children. I know it helps her to know that all of you are sending thoughts her way. Please keep them coming.

We have so many things to be thankful for, but sometimes life gets in the way. This Christmas time, don't be so concerned with getting or giving the perfect gift that you forget the true meaning of the season.

A gift from a heart full of love is the perfect fit, whether you are giving or receiving. From my heart to yours, Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

Kathy-Jo Farren  
West Bethel

## START EARLY ON DRYING YOUR 2010-2011 FIREWOOD

## To the Editor:

If you burn wood, now is the time to talk to your firewood dealer about getting your wood for the winter of 2011-2012. Get it delivered as early in the spring as possible and get it properly piled so that it will start drying. If you do this, you will have adequately dried wood to heat your home in the winter of 2011-12. Under ideal conditions, you can sometimes dry wood over one summer, but you are better off working on a two-year basis. Why do I make this perfectly obvious statement in Bethel where some families have been burning wood for two centuries? Because traveling through the country, I see dump-truck loads of wood lying in a pile as dumped, with little drying taking place and absorbing every inch of rainfall.

I burned wood for 25 years. About five cords plus a tank of oil kept our small house very comfortable. Also, I have been involved in wood drying and wood for energy for a number of years. Let me share my experience with you who are new to wood burning or have forgotten what your grandfather taught you.

First, let's look at what firewood is. It is generally a residual that is left over when all of the saw logs, veneer logs, bolt wood, pulpwood or any material of higher value has been removed from the tree. There may be crooked pieces, pieces with some decay or pieces smaller than four inches in diameter, but the typical load of firewood will have many good, straight, round pieces. Usually any stick six inches in diameter or larger is split. About every species of native hardwood may be represented, except aspen (popple) which has a low heat value.

Now for a bit of science. About all hardwood has about the same heat value per pound dry weight. Green hardwood will have a moisture content of generally 60 to 80 percent of its dry weight. If you burn green wood, a percentage of the heat value of the wood will be used to evaporate the water, and will be wasted. Modern stoves and furnaces generally run most efficiently on wood at about 20 percent moisture content. Wood drier than 20 percent may burn too fast and out of control of the stove.

How does wood dry? It will dry from all surfaces; however it dries 10 to 20 times faster through the ends than sideways. There is little drying through the bark. To dry wood, three factors must be present: temperature to move the water to the surface, the air must have a low enough relative humidity at the surface to evaporate the water, and air circulation to move the moist air away from the surface.

It takes a year with proper piling to dry wood to get the most benefit from it. Dense hardwoods such as oak and beech definitely need this amount of time. Best practice is to pile it in single piles at least three feet apart in a sunny area with good wind circulation. It should be off the ground — used pallets make a good base. The top of the piles should be covered to shed the rain. I had limited space, so I made double piles spaced about a foot apart, and uncovered until the end of August when I covered them with four-foot plastic. Not ideal but it worked well. After it is dry, storing it in a garage or woodshed is great if you have the space.

If you are buying wood for 2010-2011 season, get it delivered and piled as soon as you can. The best drying weather of the year is April through June — the humidity tends to be low. I did this getting started and found the wood to be burnable, but had to watch my chimney for soot building up. Keep your chimney clean! A chimney fire is scary. If you haven't done so, ask the fire department for an inspection of your stove and chimney system.

A few words of wisdom:

1) If you load your stove and shut it down at bedtime for an overnight burn, don't use red (soft) maple. This wood, especially when burned slowly emits smoke with a very rank burning-garbage odor. If any of your neighbors like to sleep with open windows, you will hear from them.

2) On this subject it is my opinion that some of the problems with outdoor furnaces are that people use four-foot wood. Even with a full year of drying, the middle of the stick is probably still very green. Good practice should be two-foot log maximum.

3) Don't bring a large amount of green wood into your basement. A cord could have as much as a ton of water in it.

If you have any problems on wood burning, insulation, condensation or any other subject relative to heating or cooling your home, there is an excellent long-time call-in radio program from 8 to 10 on Saturday morning called "Hot and Cold." It is out of Bangor on FM 103.9 WVOM and can be heard here at FM 101.3 Augusta.

Richard A. Hale  
Bethel

## THANKS FOR THE GEOLOGY HELP

## To the Editor:

On behalf of the entire staff at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Jim Mann of Mt. Mann Jewelers in Bethel for a generous donation. Jim recently spent many hours working with our Lakeside Classroom Coordinator Lyndsey Smith to organize and catalog our growing geology display and has donated not only his time and wisdom, but also a beautiful hardwood display cabinet complete with lighting and a glass showcase.

This cabinet will allow us to better display our growing collection of rocks and minerals and will become an important teaching tool for our lessons. The showcase will become part of the museum exhibit in our new Bolger Building, with an expected construction date in 2010.

Ron Fournier  
Summer Camp Director, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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## Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson  
10 years ago: Eric, Farrar, and Ethan Hoyt portrayed the Holy Family in Bethel's Living Nativity.

The Greenwood Fire Department and Auxiliary held their annual Christmas potluck supper.

Deaths: Edna E. W. Estes, Kenneth L. Giddinge, Chris B. Akers, Leroy I. Smith.

20 years ago: The Bethel selectmen voted to move the little-used recycling bin from its location at the landfill to the ambulance garage in town.

A film crew from WMTW, Channel 8 had been in town filming for the TV station's "Up Close and Personal" program.

Bethel's Living Nativity presentation was cancelled due to the strong, cold wind.

Births: James William Gibson, Tucker Adelman, Emily Melissa Holden.

Deaths: Addie E. Burke, Blanche E. Shaw, Velma B. Davis, Lewis Edward Trine.

30 years ago: The Annual Church Family Night Supper and Program was held at the West Parish Congregational Church.

Crews from WMTW-TV were on hand to tape the Living Nativity to be shown on Channel 8, and to release to other stations.

Songo Pond was firmly frozen over thanks to sub-zero temperatures for several mornings.

Birth: Alan Thomas Russell.

Death: Kenneth Cole.

40 years ago: Portraying angels in Bethel's 6th annual Living Nativity Scene were Betsy Brown, Tami Carsoff, and Beth Manson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick McMillin furnished bus transportation for senior citizens to tour the Bethel area to view Christmas decorations.

The recently completed hangar at Col. Dyke Field was housing planes belonging to Burt Newton and Harold Cluke.

Birth: April Lara Bennett.

Deaths: Jerrold A. Gibbs, Kendall Marceau, Mrs. Marjorie McGuire Seaward.

50 years ago: Sunday River Skiway had a 2,700-foot novice trail, and a 4,000-foot intermediate trail, both serviced by T-bar lifts, as well as a 600-foot rope tow.

The chimes that had been installed at the Methodist Church were played for the first time on Sunday, Dec. 13.

The Sunday River Sunday School closed for the winter with a program and Christmas tree.

Deaths: Wallace F. Clark, George A. Hutchins.

60 years ago: Mrs. True Eames suffered two fractured arms and knocked out two teeth in a fall when a step ladder collapsed.

Lt. Col. James D. Alger was appointed Aide-de-Camp to General Crittendenburger, principal advisor to the United States Mission to the United Nations.

Deaths: Mrs. Lisabeth Philbrick, Mrs. Lily Burbank, Lauri Immonen.

70 years ago: Harry Hutchinson lost a finger while working in the H.F. Thurston and Son mill.

John Rubino of Rumford announced the opening of a store in the Naimy Block on Dec. 18.

Deaths: Evander Whitman, Charles M. Herrick, Mrs. Estelle Maddocks, Charles H. Felt.

80 years ago: The business of J.B. Ham Co. was purchased by General Mills, Inc. of Minneapolis. The Bethel branch of the Ham company had been manufacturing Orino and Hamco feeds and shipping them to other branch stores.

Deaths: Alton Richard, son, Charles Bryant, George Tripp.

90 years ago: The barn owned by Charles Day on the Hiram Wallace Fifield farm, Gore Road, was burned. Fifteen tons of hay, six cattle, and a pair of work horses were lost.

100 years ago: The ell and stable of Albion Holt's home on Elm Street were burned.

110 years ago: Widd Twardle and Will Poole narrowly escaped drowning while playing hockey at Hodgdon's Dam.

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# Train

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service through L-A, which, they said, is currently a high-volume center for freight rail.

A grant application has been submitted for \$39 million in federal funds to rehabilitate freight track between Portland and Brunswick, in order to extend Amtrak passenger service there.

The project is described by MDOT as "shovel ready," giving it an advantage in the competitive grant process.

And down the road, a connection could also be made along the Brunswick route to Auburn, MDOT officials said.

Another application has been submitted for \$28 million to restore the abandoned Mountain Division rail line that connects Portland to Fryeburg, for use in freight and passenger service.

## Bethel route better?

Some L-A residents cited the business potential of a Montreal connection through their cities.

Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, and chamber board member Hiram Towle of Sunday River Ski Resort added their voices in support of that route, with passenger service in mind.

Zinchuk asked why the abandoned Fryeburg track had been chosen for possible upgrade, "when Bethel sits more strategically, and there's been more investment made in terms of world-class recreational opportunities. It also sits halfway between Boston and Montreal."

She wondered what advocacy had been at work in Fryeburg to result in MDOT's decision in submitting the application.

MDOT's Nate Moulton responded that the Fryeburg proposal was primarily for freight.

Therefore, he said, Fryeburg is not competing with Bethel for passenger service, but seeking connections to such commercial sites as the Poland Spring bottling company and gravel deposits in the Fryeburg region.

He acknowledged there could be some passenger excursions through the Fryeburg area, such as to the Fryeburg Fair.

"And there is some talk about on to Vermont and beyond for the future, but that's not what we asked for," said Moulton. "We applied for freight rail to the New Hampshire border, nothing beyond."

Zinchuk suggested the Bethel region might team up with L-A to advocate for the Portland to Montreal track.

Towle said he also believes the potential for the route through Bethel makes it a strong selling point.

Noting that the current federal application process has \$107 billion worth of projects nationwide competing for \$8 billion in funds, he said, "I think it's important that everybody get on the same page about really picking those corridors with the best interest of getting the actual money ... I think the best way to get there is through this beautiful place, on through our beautiful place, and to the millions of people in Montreal."

Also attending the hearing was Mt. Abram owner Matt Hancock.

Zinchuk said Tuesday that she would take the issue to the chamber's transportation subcommittee and to the full board for discussion of possible steps to advocate for passenger rail here.

## Bethel train station

The chamber's office building is located next to the train tracks and is owned by MDOT. It was built in the early 1990s for use as a train station.

A ski train ran from Portland to Bethel for three seasons before it was discontinued, due to low ridership.

The timing of that project was seen by some as too early, especially since the train service began before the Amtrak connection between Boston and Portland had been established.

MDOT continues to own the train station/office.

"MDOT wants to maintain ownership due to their prospective interest in rail between Portland and up the line," said Zinchuk.

Information on the Maine State Rail Plan can be found at [www.maine.gov/mdot/railplan/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/mdot/railplan/index.htm).

# Briefly

## Bethel native at climate conference

BETHEL—Bethel native and longtime Maine Sierra Club volunteer Joan Bennett Saxe of Freeport has been attending the international climate conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. Bennett, a cousin of Citizen Bethel town columnist Don Bennett, is a 1954 Gould Academy graduate. Her husband, Barry Saxe, and Avery Angevine were partners in the original development of Eden Ridge. Joan is the coordinator for the Maine Sierra Club's Cool Communities initiative. She has brought the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to the attention of cities and towns in Maine and secured their commitment to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions, according to the club's website. To learn about her experiences at the climate conference, see her blog at <http://joan-rssfeed.blogspot.com>.

## Census workers sought

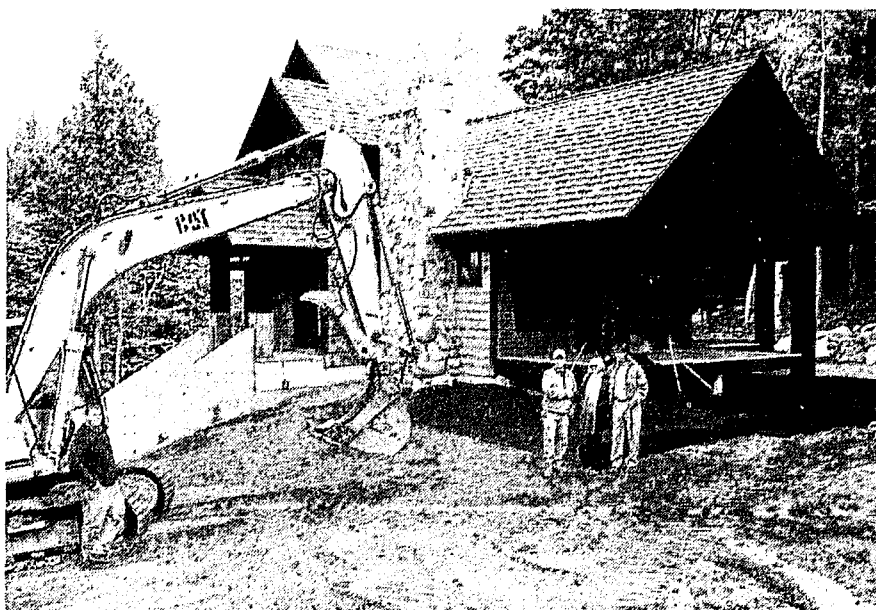
REGION—The U.S. Census Bureau is now taking applications for temporary employees to begin census work in the spring. The pay is \$14.50 per hour for census takers, plus 55 cents per mile. Local testing is being held: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. at the Crescent Park School in Bethel; also 2 p.m. at the Dixfield Library; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Upton Town Office (by appointment only); also 2 p.m. at the old Andover Town Hall; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at the Roxbury Town Hall; also 1 p.m. in the Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium. There will also soon be a 6 p.m. evening test session in Mexico, to be announced. For more information, go to [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or call (866) 861-2010.

## Super Crossword

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## U.S. News

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ciency standards as the benchmarks," U.S. News said.

"The first step determined whether each school's students were performing better than statistically expected for the average student in the state," by looking at reading and math test results.

In addition, the percentage of economically disadvantaged students were factored in to identify the schools that were performing better than statistical expectations.

For schools that made that cut, the second step determined whether the "least advantaged students" (black, Hispanic and low-income) were performing better than average for similar students in the state, by comparing reading proficiency.

"Schools that made it through the first two steps were eligi-

ble for judging nationally on the final step: college-readiness performance.

Using such tests as the College Board Advanced Placement exams, the study measured which schools "produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentages of their students."

Achievement was calculated based on the school's testing participation rate, and how well the students did on the tests.

Scores were calculated, and the top 100 schools nationwide were awarded gold medals.

The next 461 received silver medals, and another 1,189 received bronze.

Supt. Dave Murphy said Tuesday the recognition is "a nice accolade" for Telstar.

But, he said, he has not received any specific informa-

tion directly from U.S. News, making it difficult to clearly interpret the criteria for the award.

The website information indicates that 38 percent of Telstar's enrollment is considered economically disadvantaged, based on the number of students who receive free or reduced-cost hot lunches.

There are no figures provided about how many Telstar students participated in AP testing, or the results.

Murphy said students' AP test results have been particularly good over the past two years.

He also said that recently THS students have generally performed well overall on standardized reading and math tests.

Telstar has an enrollment of 295 students.

## Tri-Town

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And later that day, Sparks learned from Rodney Harrington, Greenwood's representative to the Tri-Town Board of Directors, that he had received a commitment from Maine Emergency Management Service to arrange for coverage by United Ambulance Service, should Med-Care opt not to cover Greenwood and West Paris.

### Already dropped by Woodstock

Until this year Tri-Town, which is based in West Paris, also provided ambulance service to Woodstock; but at their annual Town Meeting

in March voters opted by a margin of more than two to one to drop Tri-Town in favor of PACE.

Tri-Town had provided ambulance service to Woodstock for 26 years, but concerns were expressed about recent personnel and trustee problems, as well as about the service's financial stability.

Since then, Sparks said Tuesday, Tri-Town's finances have been further battered by a 27 percent drop in calls, and an increasing number of patients who are not paying their bills.

At a meeting last week, she said, Tri-Town directors

"were hopeful to have the finances to get through to the end of the month."

But, she said, "they weren't sure they could make the next [biweekly] payroll."

In addition to payroll, by the end of the month bills for workers comp and liability insurance for Tri-Town's vehicles would also be coming due, and there are also other outstanding bills, some approaching 60 days overdue.

(Wednesday evening's Med-Care decision will be reported Thursday morning on The Citizen's homepage, bethelcitizen.com.)

## Death

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The two returned to the Jeep and put the heater on. The man put Anderson in the only dry clothing he had, a leather jacket, Daley said.

They ran the vehicle's heater for about two hours, hoping someone would miss them and come to help.

"But after a couple of hours he realized no one was coming," said Daley.

Believing the Jeep would soon run out of gas, the man "asked her to make a run for it," Daley said. "But it was still snowing, and windy. And you can't get far when you're soaked."

Daley said as they tried to walk, Anderson began falling down.

"He tried to carry her," said Daley, and managed to get her within a half mile of the North Road.

At that point, said Daley, the man left her sitting in the snow and sprinted to a nearby house.

He and the resident made several phone calls, including one to Anderson's boyfriend, Frank Corriveau. One of the people they called then called an ambulance, Daley said.

Then the man ran back to Anderson.

Corriveau soon arrived on the scene, and together they carried Anderson to the road, Daley said.

By then she was uncon-

scious, he said.

Bethel Rescue arrived and at about 4 a.m. transported Anderson to the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, N.H., but she died.

Her body temperature had dropped about 20 degrees, Daley said.

Anderson's acquaintance, said Daley, "did everything in his power to keep her alive, jeopardizing his own life. He said his struggle to get her out kept him alive."

Daley said the man's account of his rescue effort was backed up by the evidence of the tracks he and Anderson made in the snow on the way back to the road.

## 4-H Center

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4-H Center had to raise a matching \$200,000, which it already had by the time the demonstration-project grant was announced, LeShane said.

As currently envisioned, Lakeside Lodge will be approximately 4,000 square feet in size.

It will sleep 32 people, plus four staff members and have a kitchen, dining/meeting hall, as well as a Maine natural history museum, with specimens of local wildlife and mineralogy.

Part of the goal for Lakeside Lodge was for it to be a "green" building, one which is net-zero or net-positive in terms of energy usage, LeShane said, and the latest grant will make that possible.

"It's a grid-tied generating system, so it puts power in directly," he said. And energy credits from that excess electricity "will help offset some of our other energy uses dur-

ing the year."

The system's 54 190-watt roof-mounted solar voltaic panels are projected to produce roughly 14,000 kilowatt hours of clean renewable electricity annually — in the process offsetting roughly 18,200 pounds of carbon-dioxide emissions.

The panels will take up an area of roughly 718 square feet.

### Envisioned benefits

In its grant application, the 4-H Camp cited several ways in which the new system will promote the benefits of clean solar energy.

"Through the promotion of this solar project we seek to spread awareness of four benefits our organization hopes to gain from this project, economic, environmental, health, and educational.

"The economic benefits of this project will be immediate. Through powering our

new education facility completely through solar energy we will be able to expand programming without increasing overhead costs as well as offsetting a portion of our current facilities' power consumption.

"Environmentally we will be reducing the carbon footprint of our organization and increasing health through reduction in the amount of fossil fuels, greenhouse gases and by reducing local air pollution.

"The education benefits are countless. Through interpretive signage, and a thoughtfully designed visitor's tour, the building's innovative energy system will teach lessons of how to live sustainably on an earth with limited resources."

For more information: [www.extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond/](http://www.extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond/).

## Gould

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\$1,000 in the first year alone, as well as a reduction in greenhouse emissions of up to 34 tons. Maine Energy Systems CEO and Gould Academy Trustee Les Otten said: "Gould Academy has been an innovator among independent schools for many years. Herbert Orten, OkoFEN's CEO, and I are pleased to help them continue their innovative leadership through the donation of this world-class boiler system."

Other green initiatives at Gould include: CFL lighting in dorms and staff housing; upgrades in energy-efficient windows, boilers and insulation around campus;

a new composting system, through the Farm and Forest Program, a campus-wide recycling system, as well as a number of other environmentally friendly initiatives.

Gould Academy is a small, coed college preparatory school located at the eastern edge of the White Mountains in Bethel, Maine. With 250 students and an average class size of 10, the Academy prepares academically motivated students for college and helps them to become independent-minded, ethical citizens who will lead lives of purpose, action, excellence, and compassion in a dynamic world.

Visit [www.gouldacademy.org](http://www.gouldacademy.org) for more information.

In June 2008 Bethel-based Maine Energy Systems (MESys) pioneered the introduction of automatic wood-pellet boiler systems and bulk pellet distribution to the U.S.

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## Happening Around Town

### Country Christmas In Bethel

**November 27 - December 24, 2009**

Lots of fun events weekends from Thanksgiving to Christmas: Wagon rides through Bethel village, Taste of Bethel & Theme Wreath Auction (Dec. 5), open houses, shopping specials, Santa, Christmas tree lighting, caroling, the Living Nativity (Dec. 20), and just a fun country Christmas atmosphere!

### Sunday River's 50th Birthday Celebration

**December 18-20, 2009**

Sure to be the biggest party of the year! Back on December 19, 1959, Sunday River opened the doors for the first time. Now, exactly 50 years later, we are planning a huge 50th Birthday Celebration the weekend before Christmas. This is sure to be the biggest party of the year! Check out our birthday website to see pictures, get deals, find out everything about the party and the book that is coming out!

### Buy Local Holiday Shop Around

**Friday, December 18, 2009**

Knowing how busy everyone's holiday schedule is, several area businesses will be staying open until 8pm. Take advantage of this opportunity to shop with ease and have your buy local card stamped for a chance to win \$100 in Bethel Bucks! Get your card in *The Bethel Citizen* or pick it up at one of the participating businesses. Get it stamped or signed at 5 places. Place your card in a Buy Local box at any one of the participating businesses for a chance to WIN \$100 in Bethel BUCKS! Participating Businesses: Bethel Bicycle, The Good Food Store, Linda Clifford Scottish & Irish Merchant, Maine Line Products, Little Bits/Maine Sherpa Babies, Mt. Mann Jewelers, Pooh Corner Farm, Ruthie's Boutique, True North Adventureware. Shop locally, save gas, support your neighborhood businesses, you may win \$100 Bethel Bucks! How great is that?

### Country Christmas Wagon Rides

**Saturday, December 19, 2009**

Horse-drawn wagon rides the weekend before Christmas! Dream Realty is making this Saturday of wagon rides possible. Meet at the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village from 2:00-4:00pm!

### Living Nativity

**Sunday, December 20, 2009**

A live re-enactment of the nativity using real people and live animals is very inspiring! This event is held outside every year on the Bethel village common. Dress warm and come to the common on Sunday at 5pm to view this scene performed by local people and animals.

### Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Sunday River

**Tuesday, December 29, 2009**

Come see the Maine Hysterical Society in action! Maine Hysterical Society is comprised of three of Maine's most entertaining variety artists, actors, musicians and down east humorists. A combination of stories, sketches and songs that will keep your sides splitting and have you gasping for air all show long. A refreshing approach to Maine humor and comedy everyone in the family will appreciate and enjoy. Located in the Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at 7pm.

## Great tree-trimming treats your family and friends will love!

### Chunky Gorgonzola Dip

- 8 oz. carton** mascarpone cheese
- 1/3 cup** sour cream
- 1/3 cup** chopped fresh chives
- 1/2 tsp** salt
- 1/4 tsp** ground white pepper
- 4 oz** Gorgonzola cheese, crumbled
- Garnish:** chopped fresh chives

Combine mascarpone cheese and sour cream in a small bowl; stir with a wooden spoon until smooth. Stir in chives, salt and pepper. Gently stir in Gorgonzola cheese, leaving dip chunky. Garnish, if desired. Serve dip with sliced apples and pears, crackers, and toasted walnuts. Makes 2 cups.

### Munch & Crunch Snack Mix

- 1 cup** mini pretzels
- 1 cup** corn chips
- 1 cup** oyster crackers
- 1 cup** roasted, salted pumpkin seed kernels
- 1 cup** honey-roasted peanuts
- 2 tbsp** butter or margarine, melted
- 2 tbsp** brown sugar, packed
- 1 tsp** chili powder
- 1 tsp** Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp** onion salt
- 1/2 tsp** ground cumin
- 1/8 tsp** ground red pepper

Toss together first 5 ingredients in a large bowl; set aside. Whisk together butter and remaining 6 ingredients in another bowl; pour over snack mix, stirring to coat. Spread mix in a roasting pan; bake at 300 degrees for 25 minutes, stirring after 12 minutes. Cool completely; store in an airtight container. Makes about 5 cups.

### Apple-Cinnamon Punch

- 1 cup** water
- 1/2 cup** sugar
- 1/2 cup** red cinnamon candies
- 2 (2 liter) bottles** raspberry ginger ale, chilled
- 46 oz can** apple juice, chilled

Combine water, sugar, and candies in a small saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes or until candies melt; stir occasionally. When mixture has cooled, combine with ginger ale and apple juice; stir well. Makes 25 cups.

### Aloha Chicken Wings

- 1/4 cup** butter
- 1/2 cup** catsup
- 1 clove** garlic, minced
- 3 lbs** chicken wings
- 1 cup** bread crumbs
- 14 oz can** pineapple chunks, drained and juice reserved
- 2 tbsp** brown sugar, packed
- 1 tbsp** whole ginger, minced
- 1 tbsp** Worcestershire sauce
- hot pepper sauce to taste

Place butter in a jelly-roll pan; heat in a 400-degree oven until melted. Stir catsup and garlic together; brush over wings. Coat with bread crumbs; arrange in jelly-roll pan, turning to coat both sides with melted butter. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. While baking, add enough water to reserved pineapple juice to equal 3/4 cup liquid; pour into a small mixing bowl. Whisk in

remaining ingredients; pour over wings. Continue baking until juices run clear when chicken is pierced with a fork, about 20 to 30 additional minutes. Place pineapple around wings, baking until heated through. Serves 4.

### Nachos Magnifico

- 1 lb** ground beef
- 1 cup** chopped onion
- 3/4 tsp** salt
- 1/4 tsp** pepper
- Tortilla Chips
- 2 (16 oz) cans** refried beans
- 4.5 oz can** diced green chillies
- 1 cup** salsa
- 1 cup** shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup** shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup** shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 12 oz container** guacamole
- 1 1/2 cups** sour cream
- 2 1/4 oz can** sliced black olives, drained
- 1/2 cup** chopped green onions

Cook ground beef and one cup onion in a skillet, stirring until beef crumbles and is no longer pink; drain well. Add salt and pepper. Layer tortilla chips in a lightly greased 13x9 baking dish; top with beans, beef mixture, green chillies and salsa. Sprinkle with cheeses. Cover and bake at 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until cheese melts. Top with guacamole, sour cream, olives and green onions. Serve with additional tortilla chips. Serves 6 to 8.

### Celebration Cheese Balls

*This make-ahead snack is great when unexpected guests drop by. Keep one in the refrigerator just in case!*

- 2 8 oz pkgs** cream cheese, softened
- 8 oz pkg** shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp** Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp** salt
- 1/4 tsp** celery salt
- 1 cup** chopped pecans, toasted

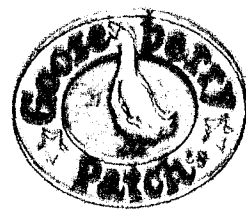
Blend together first 5 ingredients. Cover and chill 3 hours; then, shape into two balls. Roll in pecans. Keep refrigerated until serving. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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- 19 1/2 oz pkg** brownie mix
- 2 cups** powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup plus 6 tbsp** butter, softened and divided
- 1 cup** creamy peanut butter
- 6 oz pkg** semi-sweet chocolate chips

Prepare and bake brownie mix in a greased 13x9 baking pan according to package directions. Let cool. Mix together powdered sugar, 1/2 cup butter and peanut butter; spread over cooled brownies. Chill for one hour. Melt together chocolate chips and remaining 6 tablespoons butter in a saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally. Spread over brownies. Let cool; cut into squares. Makes 2 to 3 dozen.



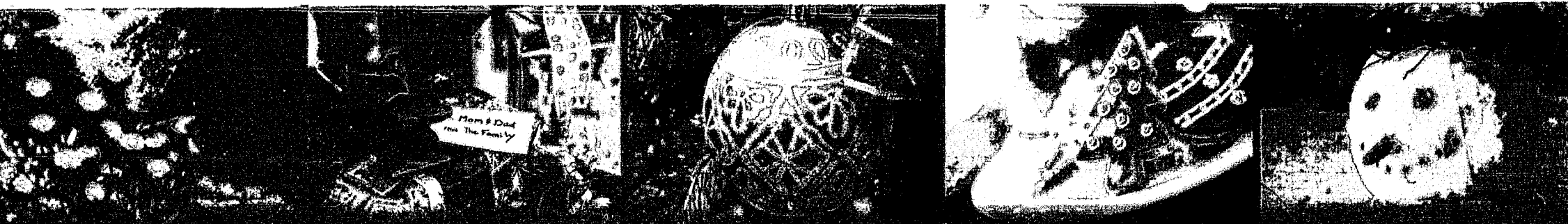
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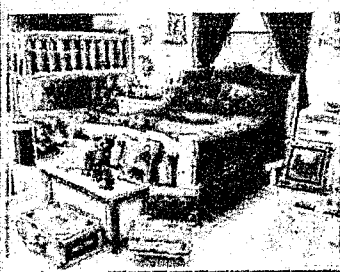
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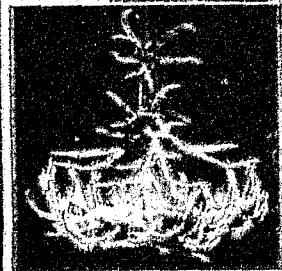


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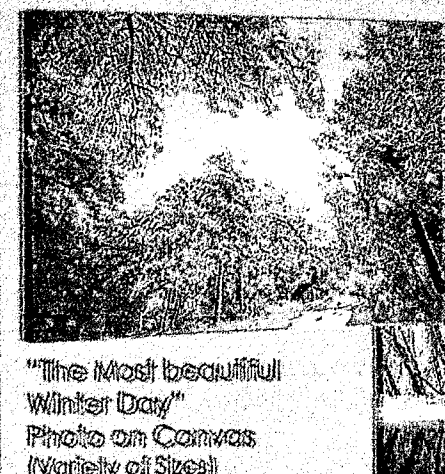
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# From the Bethel Police Log:

Wednesday, Dec. 16

At 2 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach, at the request of the road crew, had a vehicle towed for snow removal on Church Street, after the owner could not be contacted.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

At 10:10 a.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to the Intervale Road for an unwanted person complaint. The officer stood by while a subject retrieved property.

(Time not available) Officer Bill Britting responded to a residence for a report of an unwanted person. Albert A. Gaudreau Jr. was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay fines.

Sunday, Dec. 13

At 5:41 p.m. Officer Bill Britting responded to a single vehicle rollover accident on Route 26 in Woodstock. The officer secured the scene until a deputy arrived. There were no injuries.

At 6:30 p.m. Officer Bill Britting responded to the Barker Road for a report of a property-damage accident. A motorist had slid off the road. The officer assisted the driver in getting the vehicle unstuck.

(Time not available) Officer Bill Britting was advised of a car-moose crash on Vernon Street. The accident happened in Albany.

Friday, Dec. 11

At 9:20 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to the North Road for a report of a tree down. A call was made to a local resident with a chain saw, who cut the tree, and it was removed.

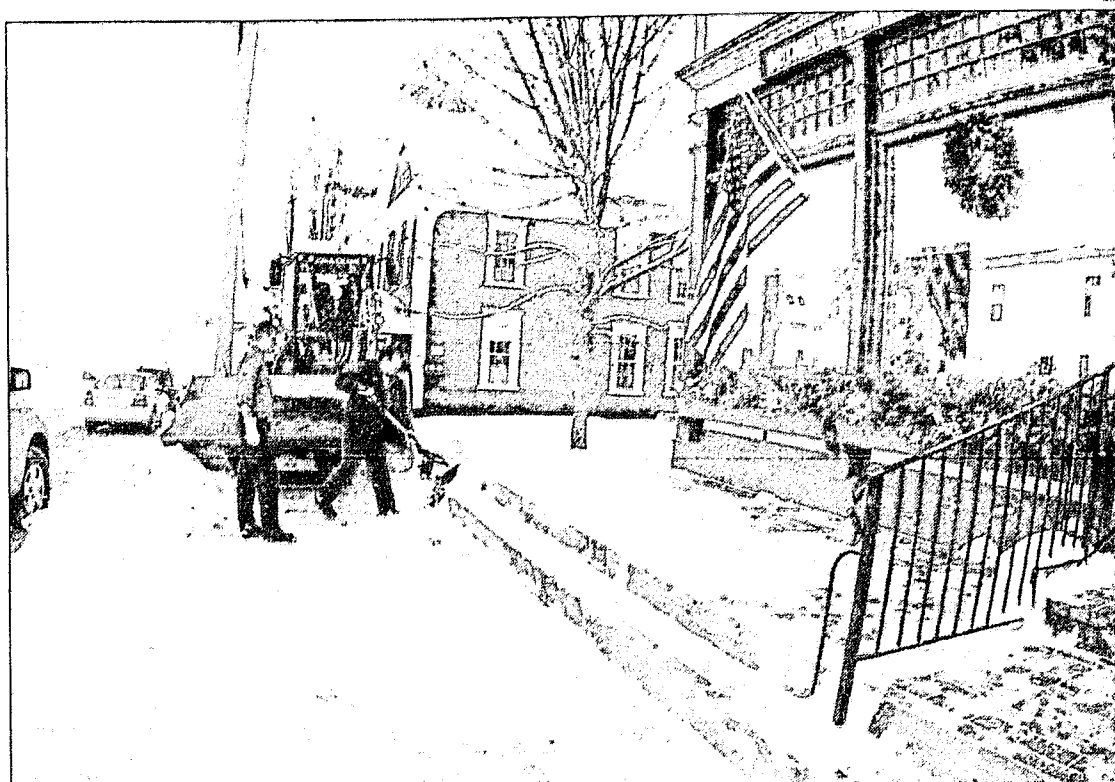
At 2:40 p.m. at the PD office Officer Jack Taylor took a disorderly conduct complaint for an incident at a local business the day before.

Thursday, Dec. 10

At 12:30 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a business for a report of shoplifting. A video allowed the officer to identify the suspect, who then worked with the business to settle the matter.

Monday, Dec. 7

At 5 p.m. Sgt. S.R. White took a complaint of a threat made on an earlier date.



STOCKING UP—Bethel road foreman Scott Sumner fills a barrel with sand Monday outside the Town Office. Toby Walker of the road crew looks on. A series of recent storms has deposited snow on the walkways and streets. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

news and bad news: The good news was that there were tire tracks to ski in; the bad news was that there were tire tracks to ski in. Let me explain. The tracks made for a firm base for skiing and were great as long as I didn't have to climb or go downhill. The bad part was that the tire tracks are not wide enough for either snowplowing (downhill) or herring-boning (uphill climbing). Still, it was good exercise and great to be on skis again.

Mike and I went to the Bethel Inn on Sunday and skied around some of their trails. The snow was beautiful, although some trails were still closed because there isn't quite enough snow in the more wooded areas. The other problem was strictly ours — still haven't regained our ski legs, so we fell a lot and generally felt like klutzes. But this, too, shall pass.

Just a reminder that the Pleasant Valley Grange will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6 for potluck supper, followed by a business meeting. Meetings are ordinarily the fourth

## Bethel



by Nancy Brown

Bethel now has enough snow to go snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Information on places to snowshoe and cross-country ski is available at the Chamber of Commerce website at [www.bethelmaine.com](http://www.bethelmaine.com) and their office on Cross Street. Two wooded locations with parking and well-marked trails for snowshoeing are Mt. Will in Bethel on Route 2 and Maggie's Nature Park on the Greenwood Road in Locke Mills.

Some of these trails are steep. Because the snow cover is not deep yet, people need to watch out for limbs and rocks and be aware that the streams and ponds are still not frozen.

There are some beautiful Christmas lights in the Bethel area.

Francis and Louise Palmer have a stunning Christmas light display at their home at 933 Walker's Mills Road. It includes a train, snowman, three deer, and a Santa Claus who waves.

The Bethel Rotary Club is collecting money for "Christmas for Children." During the freezing temperatures and high winds, volunteers were collecting money outside the Bethel Foodliner. Please contribute generously if you are able.

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Elements Gallery has a display of artwork by the late Walter Clark. The gallery is

located at Philbrook Place at 162 Main Street.

Luna Akers had lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Maurice's Restaurant in South Paris with nine women from the Deering United Methodist Church in South Paris.

Weekend guests of Bud and Mary Paine were Donald Ferrero of New Bedford, Mass., and Dick Paine and Elaine Jacques of Auburn.

Troy, the Schwan's deliveryman here, will be leaving the Bethel area.

He and his family are moving to his hometown in Missouri. He plans to take two local alpacas with him and operate an alpaca farm there.

Do you have holiday news? Send it to [nancybrown1150@yahoo.com](mailto:nancybrown1150@yahoo.com) or call 824-2483.

## West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Let me start out by correcting something I wrote in last week's column. It

was bobcat tracks, not lynx, that Mike saw on one of his walks. He let me know that sighting a lynx around here would be headline news. Mea culpa. Sorry I got my cats mixed up!

We measured ten inches of new snow in last week's big storm, enough to allow area cross-country ski places to groom and open several trails. On Saturday morning I put on my skis down the road and skied in the forest. Good

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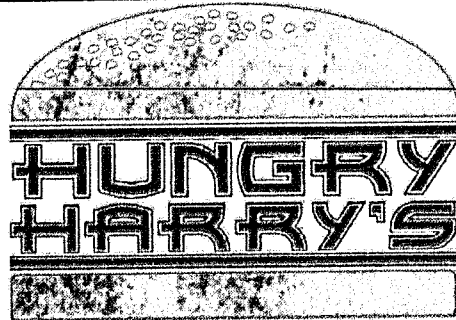
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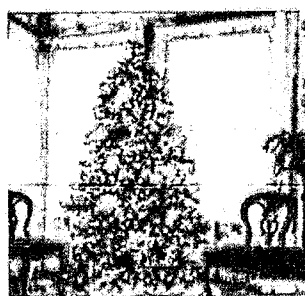


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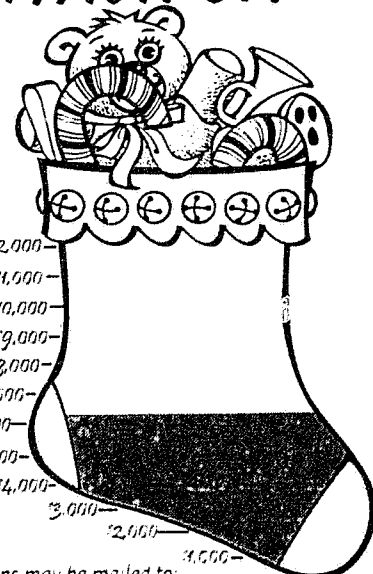
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Thursday, but this month that is Christmas Eve, and most folks will have other plans, we think.

Cathryn Lovejoy called with news of a wonderful birthday party for her husband, Cleve, who turned 85 on Dec. 5. The party was held on Sunday, the 6th. Daughter Dottie West and her husband, Ray, invited friends and family to the festivities. Cathryn said that the men watched the Patriots lose their football game, but the loss was offset by the wonderful food.

The Lovejoys now have three great-grandchildren, one of whom, a five-month-old baby boy from Gorham, Maine, was among the guests. Also present were their son, Alanson, and his wife; Alanson's daughter Ellen, her husband, and their son, Danny; Jim and Mary Cobb; Phil and Juanita Korhonen; Rebecca Cobb Lawrence and her granddaughter, Rebecca West. A good time was had by all.

Cathryn also reported that at their church, Church of the Nazarene, she participates in a rock gospel group, consisting of keyboard, drums, organ, and piano. Sounds like a swingin' good time. On the bird front, she has had a pair of robins surveying the apples in the flowering crab instead of flying south. Cathryn thinks they've lost their common sense along with many humans. I suggest that maybe they're Canadian robins and think this is far enough south to travel.

Coming home Monday afternoon I came upon a flock of about twelve turkeys at the foot of Dave Everett's drive. I slowed way down so as not to have an emergency turkey dinner, but they all took flight immediately, except for one whom I saw in the rear-view mirror, looking befuddled and forlorn. I hope that she found her mates. We keep expecting to see turkeys in our back yard, but so far not. We are still dominated by jays, doves, and woodpeckers. Maybe the snowy weather will bring more of the other birds. I did see one set of very clear deer tracks on the forest road Monday morning, so we know that there is at least one deer left after hunting season.

Busy times for all of us, getting ready for the holidays. May your shopping, wrapping, writing, baking, and decorating all go well. Talk to you next week. dhoeh@megalink.net; 836-3011.

## Gilead



by Lin Chapman

It seems more like December since the snow arrived.

The wind is blowing the snow around and creating drifts. It is Sunday evening and there is more snow coming down.

The last storm was bad enough for SAD44 to cancel school last Wednesday. It was a good idea since driving became quite treacherous as the day went on. The Selectmen cancelled their meeting because of the weather on Wednesday, the 9th, and rescheduled it for Thursday, Dec. 17.

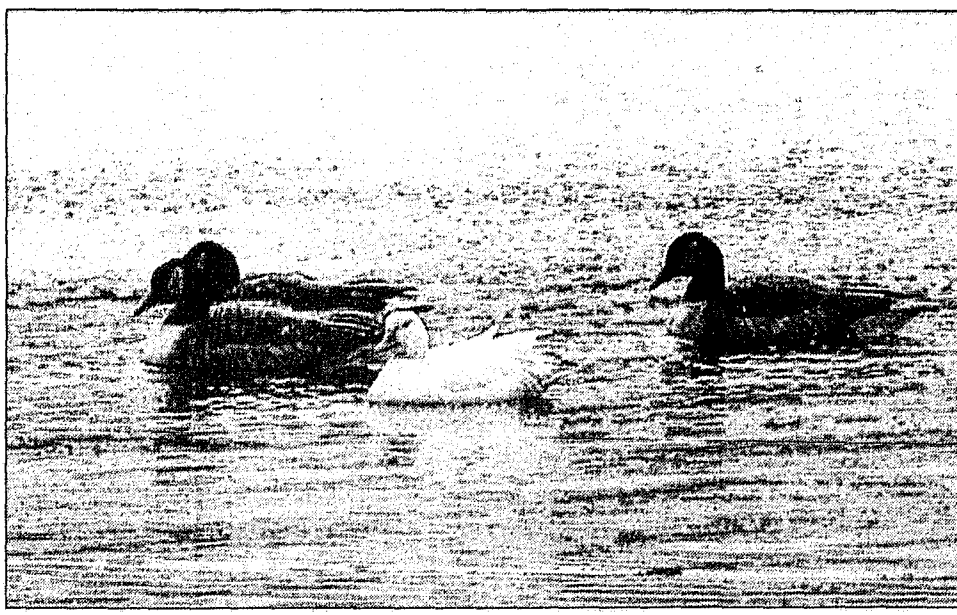
My brother, Steve McLain, has been busy keeping his driveway plowed out. Lise McLain took her father, Gerard Dupont, to his doctor's appointment in Portland recently.

On Dec. 8 my nephew, Major Stephen McLain, celebrated his 20th anniversary of the day he enlisted in the U. S. Army.

Condolences go out to the family of Marie Anderson, who passed away recently.

Last Saturday was our day for grandchildren. In the morning, our grandson, Ben Chapman, stopped by for a visit. His mother, Elena and husband Jon Martin, along with Jon's son, Greg, came to Bethel to visit Jon's brother and wife, Jeff and Kate Martin. They took a side trip to Gilead before heading back to Ellsworth.

**STILL HANGING WITH HIS COUSINS**  
Jane Chandler got this photo recently of a Snow Goose on North Pond with a flock of Canada Geese. The bird may be the same one sighted with the flock in the area a month ago.



ad before heading back to Ellsworth.

Later on Saturday, Tim brought the other grandchildren, William, Annie and Sidney Chapman, to our house to spend the night.

It was nice to have such active little visitors. They had a chance to play outside before heading back on Sunday. When we got to the house, they wanted to show us their Christmas tree that they had set up and decorated.

Norm Buttrick and Cathy McGuire stopped by last Saturday for a visit.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to our son, Tim Chapman, on Dec. 17.

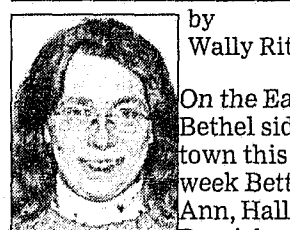
Mary Tyler called with a couple of items. If all goes well, her sister, Sandra Laughy, should be home this week. Mary also noticed a different bird at the feeder.

After checking it out, she decided it was a Carolina Wren. It is a little further north than usual, but she noted that the last time she saw one was in December a few years ago when she lived in New Hampshire.

**Town Office Reminders**  
Don't forget that dog licenses are due before Jan. 31. Also, real estate tax bills should be mailed to Town of Gilead, 8 Depot Street, Gilead, Maine 04217.

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## East Bethel



by Wally Ritz

On the East Bethel side of town this past week Betty Ann, Hallie and Derrick were here again to spend time with the family — Eva and John Coolidge, the parents of Betty Ann and proud grandparents of Hallie and Derrick.

Tricia Chappie, her dad and her sister, Tasha, went to the Portland Symphony Orchestra together and also to the Old Port for dinner. Am told the Christmas lighting there is spectacular.

Now in honor of the "Old Farmer," Albert Foster, who lovingly called East Bethel "Outlaw Gulch," let's continue to the Gulch news as we all will remember him and love the neighborhood like he did. Seems like Albert was watching out for a person who wants to remain anonymous. She encountered a big moose in the recent bad weather; it was his yard that saved her.

In closing, here's an East Bethel Trivia question. What was the previous name of the East Bethel Road and why? Seems there are two answers to the "why." Can't wait to hear all your answers. Send your answers, news or info by either calling 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

Have a great week everyone and enjoy the season.

## Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. Jane tells me that there was a nice crowd at the church on Sunday afternoon for the Christmas music. Pete Coolidge and his band played a song that Pete wrote titled "Christmas in Snow Valley."

The day before was the craft fair, and a couple of drawings were held. "The winner of the taste of Andover basket was Bea Schneider, and the winner of the vest was Mrs. Alston, (Linda Roberts).

We are certainly going to have a white Christmas this year. The couple of snowstorms that we had were just right — not too heavy to shove! It and everyone's Christmas lights look so much better at night with the snow.

Angelo Kaltsos has another book out in publication and is available for sale. It is titled, "Of Bears Mice and Nails Out House Chronicles." It can be purchased at Akers Ski, the Andover Library and the antique shop on Main Street.

Saturday we went to Portland shopping, then visited with my brother Chris and his wife Shiela. Their son Andrew, a sophomore at South Portland, was having a group of basketball teammates over for group "bonding." Shiela was making baked ziti and salads, which looked pretty good, even though I had just come

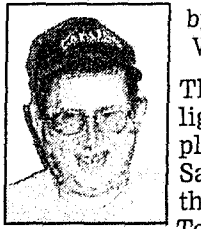
from the Olive Garden! Celebrating a birthday this week: twin sisters, Hayley and Allysa Akers on Saturday, Abby Mills on Saturday (the big 21 years old!), James Farrington on the 21st, and Blake Conrad on the 23rd.

Nancy Wardwell wishes to thank everyone for all the wonderful get well cards, the prayers, flowers and food. "You all have been so thoughtful during my recent surgery and recovery. I've been over-whelmed by everyone's kindness! Thank you again, to all."

Tonight, Thursday Dec. 17, Andover Service Circle (ASC) will hold its annual holiday party for members and potential members. At 6 p.m., the party will take place in the home of Andra Savitz who can be reached at 392-1020 for directions. Over a delicious spread, members will be reflecting on the good times they spent doing community service during 2009. The roadside clean-up, the holiday cards to the disabled, the monetary assist for transportation to medical appointments, the annual dinner for senior citizens, the organization of the town common for Olde Home Days, the restoration of historic signs on the Town Hall, and the assembling of the ASC Community Calendar are just a sampling of the Circle's good work. The ASC membership knows that time is precious, thus if you have any time to spare for good works you are urged to come to the party to check the Circle out. Members know that charitable work regains less of the time investment warm minimally two hearts.

Enjoy the last shopping weekend before Christmas!

## Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The tree lighting took place last Saturday at the Hanover, Town

Office with a large crowd of community folks on hand. Select board chairperson, Brenda Gross, dedicated this year's tree to friends and neighbors. She also extended get-well wishes to Norman Ferguson, Jr. and Joan Tucker. Because Saturday evening was so cold most folks went inside for hot chocolate coffee and homemade snacks. Lynn Ramsey playing the

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keyboard and leading folks in songs of the season provided a special treat. The children present were able to take home snowman candy canes and free library books.

We extend get-well wishes to Norm Ferguson and Paul Kelly. Both are reported hospitalized. We also wish a speedy recovery for Lillian Turner who was scheduled for surgery in Lewiston earlier this week.

The big snowstorm on Dec. 10 left about 10 inches of snow and brought in the coldest and windiest weather of the season. Just as folks were getting over that storm more snow moved in Sunday evening. Soon the Androscoggin River and Howard Pond will be frozen over.

Weekend visitors with Donna and Clem Worcester were Kaylynn, Shawnee and Makala Worcester. The three grandchildren live in Carthage. Last week Donna and Clem traveled to South Paris to have a recall problem fixed on their car.

Everyone knows that Bob Marchildon usually hunts for the big buck during the season. This year was no different as he brought home a 10-point, 245-pound deer near the end of the hunting season. Even though hunting season has ended and the ground is covered with snow there is very little deer activity in this area. Just wild dog tracks.

### East Andover

by Joan Stinson-Carney  
East Andover resident Val Morton has had a bad break, really,

she fell and fractured her ankle, had to have an operation, and will be out of commission for quite a few weeks. Cards and visits would be appreciated. Sorry, Val. See you soon.

The Calvary Bible Church will hold its Sunday School Christmas Service this Sunday, Dec. 20, starting time is 10:45 a.m. Their Christmas Eve Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the 24th.

The Andover First Congregational Church will begin their Christmas Eve Service

at 7 p.m., with a reception afterward.

Miracles still happen. At Sunday service today, just before Pastor Jane Rich began her sermon, their Christmas Tree decided to fall down. Nobody was hurt, including the tree. I'll bet everybody in the congregation paid attention to Jane's sermon after that. I'll bet they watched that tree too.

The Christmas Craft Fair was a great success for the East Andover Community Club. We really did a good business. I think the other dealers did well also. I got some great Christmas presents, and won a beautiful quilt made by Vicky Cuff. The winners of the raffle at the First Congregational Church were Bea Schneider, who won the Taste of Andover basket and Linda Roberts who won the vest.

Plans for next year are already underway. There will be two locations, the fire station and the church, for your shopping pleasure.

Hope Peterson's granddaughter, Amaya, met Santa Claus for the first time yesterday. She is the most adorable little girl, even though she cried when I held her.

There are only eight more days left to shop before the "big" day. I can hardly wait until it's all over and things can get back to normal. I still haven't heard my favorite Christmas song yet; you know the one, "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer." I guess I'll have to go U-Tube and listen to it.

Why did the little boy wear his boots when he climbed the stairs? He didn't want to get his feet wet in the creaks. See ya.

### Newry

by Sylvia Harrington  
Janis Cronin visited me on Monday after stopping to see her dad,

Lee Swan, at the Veterans' Home in South Paris. She took him out for a ride and they had lunch together before she drove to Bethel. She and I had coffee together before going to dine at Pat's Pizza. We drove over to say hello to my son, Mark, and then returned

to my place to bring her overnight gear in. It was a great visit and she brought several things for me for gifts. She returned to the Veterans' Home the next day and left mid-afternoon to join Jack, who had been at a meeting in the Conway, N.H., area. They both flew home to Zephyrhills, Fla., on Tuesday.

Sandee Dunn stopped in on Wednesday for a visit and to leave some holiday goodies to eat before returning to her hill in Newry.

Saturday morning, Kevin and Bonnie Hurley from Colebrook, N.H., stopped in for a very brief visit on their way through Bethel. Bonnie raises bees in the summer and collects the honey of which she makes honey, soap and lip balm from them. She gave me one of each. I had never used honey lip balm before and I like it very much.

By Saturday evening the final season count of deer totaled 106 at the BRTF. The Post had their annual weekend Christmas sale, which Doug and Deb felt went exceptionally well. Still available are lots of stocking stuffers. If you are in need of some hot soup, chili is available along with hot beverages and Coney Island hot dogs and coffees and many snacks. Cameo materials are now still reduced in price. Warm gloves and hats are still available to keep you warm on these chilly mornings. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

Have a busy and joyful week as Christmas Day draws near. Information regarding the WVSC trail conditions can be obtained by calling Leon Dunn at 824-3335, Ed Powers at 739-9618 or Brad Wight at 824-2288. You may stop by the Town Office to get a list of club members and a season schedule of events from Dave Bonney. New members are always welcome. Please feel free to join the club at that time.

### West Paris

by Joyce Lamb  
What a change in the weather! Fifty degrees one day and then down to

freezing with several inches of snow within a few days.



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At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, Dec. 20, the Rev. Richard Beal will speak on "The Light Expanding" at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is the organist. A coffee hour follows.

The traditional Christmas Eve service of carols and the lighting of the candles will be held on the 24th at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, there will be no service for so many will be away.

Daughter, Wendy Lamb of Oakland, Ore., came in on Thursday from Portland, Ore. The plane was one and a half hours late. I called the airport

before going down and was told it would be on time. It is expensive having the car in the parking area for so long. Over the weekend she and I were at Chick-a-Dee Restaurant for a seafood platter. There is always enough for two so we share.

The Christmas Party with Mr. and Mrs. Santa planned for the Universalist Church was canceled in late afternoon Sunday because of the heavy snowstorm. I had a large veg-

etable and ham casserole warming and 24 cupcakes were already frosted and decorated. Guess I will have to throw a big party to use all of that food.

Life runs smoothly until appliances wear out. The shower ran cold in just a few minutes of taking a shower. Up on investigating it was rusty and wet on top and around the pipes. So the good plumber from Bethel came the next day and installed a new tank. The furnace man from next door did his yearly furnace cleaning. He then installed a winter watchman with a red light. I will wait for summer to upgrade the TV. The little 12-incher comes in very well. Hopefully all runs well for the rest of the winter.

Muffin doesn't mind strangers much any more. She did not get outside or into the cellar during all the confusion. The crows and blue jays under the feeder are still entertaining her.

### From Marta Clements

The Goodwill Fellowship of the First Universalist Church of West Paris met at the home of Beryl Bonney for the annual Christmas party and filling the Christmas boxes for members and friends to be remembered at this time of year. We met at the church ahead of time and made a small centerpiece with a Christmas mug, greens and decorations to go along with the boxes.

Because of our fundraising efforts this year we were also able to donate \$200 to a major local project, Beth's House, as well as our usual donations of money to Christmas for Kids and to Tri-Town Antebulance. We are also donating \$200 to the Ferry Beach Renovation Fund.

Our longtime and beloved minister, Eleanor B. Forbes, was very active and very supportive of the church's involvement in Ferry Beach in Saco. She was one of the first to buy a room in the Quillen and she spent time there ey-

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\$15 adults, \$10 kids 6-12, free kids 5 & under. All net proceeds from the 50th Birthday Celebration party go to the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund, a fund at the Maine Community Foundation, dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities that make up the Sunday River area. FML, log on to <http://www.sundayriver.com/Corporate/CharitableFund.html>. Tickets are on sale now - call 800-543-2SKI or visit Guest Services at South Ridge.

**Many Flavors of Sunday River ~ 6:30pm-9pm**  
Bethel area restaurants will showcase their most popular menu items and specialty bars will feature beer, wine and local spirits scattered throughout South Ridge Lodge.

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- Liam's Restaurant - Lobster stew, sausage bread
- The Matterhorn - Wood fired pizza, garlic knots
- Phoenix House & Well - Sushi display, country style risotto, chopped salad, bread knots and sausage penne.
- S.S. Milton - Boothbay seafood over a puff pastry
- Sunday River Brewing Company - Asian 5-spice ribs
- The Bethel Inn - Smoked salmon napoleon, medallions of smoked atlantic salmon, layered with fruit mascarpone, fresh mint and citrus vinaigrette. Crab cakes, Maine rock crab fried and served with a spicy aioli sauce
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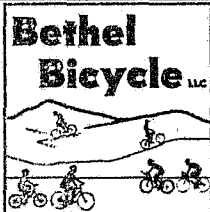
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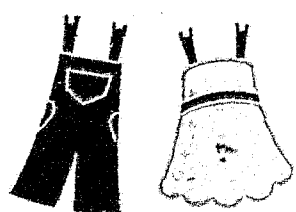
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every summer. Several of our members attend services and activities there on a regular basis.

We continued our Christmas activities by participating in the Christmas fair at the Agnes Gray School on Dec. 12. At the end of the day we drew for the winner of the quilt and half of the proceeds from the quilt were donated to the West Paris Library to put toward their renovations.

On Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. the church had a Christmas potluck supper followed by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Our Candlelight service on Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m. will wrap up our Christmas activities for 2009. There will be no service the Sunday after Christmas.

## Bryant Pond



by  
Alice Hoyt

Franklin  
Grange  
124 met on  
Saturday  
Dec. 5, for  
a regular

meeting and Christmas Party with potluck dinner following the meeting. There will be no more meetings until March.

The Christmas tree at the Library was lighted on Friday evening. Very pretty!

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 5:30 is youth group and 6:30 is prayer meeting. Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. is the Christmas program. No youth Group or prayer meeting on Dec. 23, as on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. is a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

The next Ladies Breakfast will be held on Jan. 9 at 9 a.m. at the Fire Station. Each one is to bring something to share for the breakfast meal. Marybeth Hoover will be showing her artwork. For more information call Beth at 665-2171.

Brian and Linda Stowell entertained family members on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Those who came to dine were Aunt Sue Glines of West Paris, Chuck, Sarah, Abbey and Maya of Portland, and Tim and Rachel

Adams, Ben, Josh, and Zack, of Fayette. This was Zack's first family gathering with the Stowells, because he just arrived on Nov. 17. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and his big brothers think he's pretty cute!

Ben and Josh Adams, Abbey Record, Maya Phillips, Sarah Stowell and Aunt Sue Glines got together at Linda Stowell's recently for their annual baking and decorating of Christmas cookies. Aunt Sue made the dough prior to getting together, and then everyone had a turn in cutting out shapes and adding decorations, as well as tasting!

### Historical Society

At the December Christmas Party cards and gifts were exchanged from calendars to a handmade Santa. Curator Larry Billings noted the society's 30th anniversary and President Olive Risko read a Research Report on the Grange movement. The January meeting will feature fare of soups and sandwiches, and the program will be on Disney World. This will be on the second Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Community Room in the Town Office.

The Historical Society Museum highlights the Decorative Arts from fine furniture to original works of art and prints. They specialize in local memorabilia.

## Upton



by  
Laurie Brown

There were 55 people at the schoolhouse Saturday night for the annual Christmas party!

Elissa Dyer, Dillan Fierro, Cameron Bouchard, Jessica Casey, Lotty Casko, Caitlin Casey, Keona Bouchard, and Andrew and Jacob Coulombe did a fantastic job participating in a puppet show depicting the Christmas Story. Elissa Dyer and Bridgette Norman each had recitals and Lexi-Ann Hart played her violin. After the wonderful presentation, Santa Claus arrived with a huge bag of toys and goodies. When my 7-year-old great-niece, Loren Farmer of Rangeley, sat on his

lap, she carefully scrutinized his beard, his "fat belly" and noticed his "rosy cheeks." She excitedly reported that he was indeed the "real" Santa Claus! At theselectmen's meeting on Thursday, Michelle Bouchard expressed an interest in the Town Clerk's job. In January she'll work with Jim Rector, training for the position. If she's elected to the position in March's annual meeting, the transition will, therefore, be much smoother. Theselectmen will meet on Dec. 30 to begin working on the budget and review December's warrants. Their regular meeting will be Jan. 13.

In "We Took To The Woods," Louise Dickinson Rich wrote

that she asks herself "is it worthwhile to live like this?" and about ten times a year, her answer is "no." She wrote, "the other 355 days, I don't question anything. Happy people aren't given to soul searching, I find." For the most part, Bob's and my thoughts coincide with hers.

Friday night folks around town enjoyed songs from six carolers. Pat Kenyon won a beautiful centerpiece for having the best decorated home and yard.

Last chance to buy raffle tickets on an afghan crocheted by Krystal Bernier. The drawing is next Sunday and tickets can be purchased from any Ladies Aid member.

### BEHIND THE SCENES

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## Locke Mills



by  
Lorraine  
Larson

Winter, when it got around to it, seems to have taken over the season with a vengeance. The ice had not even had a chance to really form before it got a load of snow on it. The forecast is for cold and I think probably that is a good thing as it will strengthen the ice under the snow, but I wouldn't trust it very far and I hope others will be very careful before they venture out on it. Anyhow, it does look a lot more like

Christmas will be white.

It still is hard to believe that Christmas is only fifteen days away as I write this. I am sure the children would not care for it, but I think it would be nice to celebrate it every two years and that way those of us who are older would have more time to recuperate, both strength wise and money wise. I suppose merchants would not appreciate it either so scrap that idea, but it was nice to think on even if only for a few minutes.

Gerry Shim and I took a trip to Norway, Tuesday, and had tests done at the hospital and then did some shopping. I don't know how I managed it but I forgot some every essential things for my animals but at least I did remember cat food. Chloe never complains about eating the same food all the time but Garbo wants a variety, or so she thinks. I notice that after changing the food for about a week she is back to the ocean white fish and tuna but she has to try something else in order to remember that she really does have a favorite. Cats are so finicky!

Also I did get my TracPhone activated while I was there. There is something to be said for getting along in years because the younger generation figures you can't do electronics and this nice young man offered to do it for me. Actually I can't do electronics for the most part. There was a forty something there who was buying phones for every member of her family, I think, and she was rattling off the features that each phone had to have and she could speak phonetics faster than I can speak English. Now me, I would be happier if all my phone did was dial out and ring in but I have a booklet way thick telling me how to do this and that. The only problem I have run across so far, considering I am not going to use much of the fancy stuff anyway, is that it says, for example, go to Menu-then to settings- then to name-then to save. But, my phone does not say save. It says something altogether different. Even Marcia could not figure out what it was trying to get at and she has had one for two years. So I am not going to be able to hit one button and get her, which is

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## Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting, which was to be held at the Funky Red Barn Dec. 9 was cancelled due to the snowstorm. The next meeting will be Jan. 13, 2010 at the Bethel Inn. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. Price of dinner is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers.

Reservations are required by calling Nancy at 824-3350 or Arlene at 824-2877 before Jan. 11.

From

## Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats held a combined training session and business meeting on Dec. 6 at Crescent Park School, with excellent participation.

BJ McCollister of the Change that Works campaign conducted a briefing on health care, organizing attendees to take action on the subject. BJ is from Canton, Maine, and is the organizer for the western Maine region. He has conducted house meetings during the past few months and will continue to work on healthcare and other issues in the coming months.

Mary Erin Casale, field organizer for the Maine Democratic Party, conducted the Caucus Convenors training session, attended by over twenty of the convenors for the Jan. 31 caucus meetings to be held for all Oxford County towns. She will do a follow-up session by phone for the towns unable to attend.

Following the trainings, the County Democrats held a social time with Rosa Scarcelli of Portland, one of the candidates in the gubernatorial primary. Scarcelli spoke at the start of the County Committee meeting stressing her commitment to job creation based on her business experience.

Former Commissioner of Economic Development John Richardson arrived later in the meeting and also addressed the group, highlighting his legislative record and his work in economic development since leaving the Legislature following a term as Speaker of the House.

Roy Gedat of Norway presented the treasurer's report and County Chair Cathy Newell announced the launch of the Year End Fundraising appeal. The minutes from the August meeting were

approved.

State Representatives Helen Rankin of District 97, Matt Peterson of District 92, and Sheryl Briggs of District 93 were introduced and thanked the Oxford County Democrats for their support.

Cathy Newell paid tribute to activist Rich Plante of Mexico who recently passed away.

Julian Federle, state Director for Organizing for America spoke about the Obama agenda, specifically healthcare reform. He succinctly outlined the aspects of the healthcare bill currently in the Senate and corrected several of the misconceptions in circulation.

Cathy Newell and Mary Erin Casale spoke about the plans for the Jan. 31 caucus. A snow date will be established this year and all caucuses will occur on Jan. 31 between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m. There will again be regional gatherings in Rumford and Bethel for area towns. Caucus convenors include: Albany, Allison Rosenblatt; Andover, Bob Duplessie; Bethel, Mike and Eileen Broderick; Brownfield, Rose Rogers-Wells; Buckfield, Rep. Terry Hayes; Rumford, Byron, and Roxbury, John Patrick and Rep. Matt Peterson; Canton, BJ McCollister; Denmark, Mari Hook and Carol Farnsworth; Dixfield, Jon Albrecht and Jenni Plante; Fryeburg, Rose Mahanor; Gilead, Cynthia Handlen; Greenwood, Rosemary McLean; Hanover, Henrietta List; Hartford, Anita Pottle; Hebron, Daniel Eichorn; Hiram and Porter, Rep. Helen Rankin; Lovell, Carolyn Carter; Mexico, Jimmy McHugh and Jarrod Dumas; Newry, Wendy Hanscom; Norway, Roy Gedat and Julie Peterson; Otisfield, Maureen Howard; Oxford, Christopher Pottle; Paris, John Jenness; Peru, David Buck; Stoneham, Kaitlin LaCasse; Stow, Jim Wilfong; Sumner, Don Berry; Sweden, Kathiann Shorey; Waterford, Skipp and Judy Green; West Paris, Andrew Kronstadt; Woodstock and Milton, Nancy Willard and Mary Ellen Gartner; Upton, Lincoln Plantation and Magalloway Plantation, Cathy Newell.

Details of locations and times for all caucuses will be publicized in the coming weeks. All convenors welcome assistance from others in their town to make the caucus an event that will be effective in building a strong organization for 2010.

The Democratic State Convention will be May 21 and 22 in Lewiston. Barbara Arsenault of Rumford is on Platform Committee, Eileen Broderick of Bethel is on the Permanent Organization Committee, and Mike



## Happy to be Me by Marion York



**BOOK SIGNING**—Marion York, the wife of Bethel native Lloyd York, will be at Books 'N Things in Bethel Dec. 19 for a book signing for "Happy to be Me." York, an artist for more than 30 years, painted the illustrations in the book. A resident of Scarborough and Oxford, she sells her paintings and artwork at shows throughout New England. Her work can also be found at Stone Soup Artisans in Saco. The book signing will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Broderick of Bethel is on the Credentials Committee.

Democratic State Committee Steve Hayes of Buckfield and Rose Rogers-Wells of Brownfield were re-elected.

Additional information about the Oxford County Democrats is available on the website, [www.oxforddems.org](http://www.oxforddems.org) or on Facebook.

All individuals interested in electing Democrats are welcome to become involved.

From

## Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

President Susan Herlihy has announced that the Bethel Historical Society will hold a special membership meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House to consider bylaw updates and revisions. Copies of the bylaws with the proposed changes were mailed to all members

in the last issue of the society's Broad Street Herald in November. All members are urged to attend this meeting to review and consider these changes.

New Year's Bethel

The 12th annual New Year's Bethel, sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, will be featuring a wide variety of activities for a broad audience starting at 5 p.m. with a community potluck supper at the society's Dr. Moses Mason House. This chemical-free evening will also feature a dragon parade around the Town Common at 6 p.m., a Dr. Mason House candlelight open house also at 6 p.m. as well as a bonfire and marshmallow roasting beginning at 7 p.m., sing along at 10:30 p.m. at the Dr. Mason House and finally with a literal ringing in of the New Year at the town clock on Main Street with a variety of hand, sleigh, and ship bell at the stroke of midnight.

Performances of State Street Traditional Jazz Band will begin at 7 p.m. and include an interactive family performance for children. Also there will be performance by the Western Maine Senior Players

beginning at 8 p.m. Both of these events will be held at the Congregational Church on Church Street.

Advance tickets for the performances are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children age 6 to 18 and are available at the Bethel Historical Society's O'Neil Robinson House, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, the Bethel Citizen and Maine Line Products in Locke Mills. At the door on Dec. 31, tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and five and under free. For more information, please call the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

### Annual Fund

Bethel Historical Society Advancement Director James Dock announced recently that the 2009 Annual Fund Campaign includes a \$12,000 challenge made possible from two foundations (the Margaret Burnham Charitable Trust and the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund) and two Bethel families.

Any new gifts made to the society in 2009, as well as any increase in the size of the donation from the 2008 Campaign will be matched up

to \$12,000 by the foundations and families noted above. In addition, donors who made their first gift to the society in 2008 who renew their contribution at the same or at an increased level will have the entire amount of their 2009 gift matched. "This challenge is a great way to increase one's support of the society and make every dollar count even more," noted Dock in his announcement. "Last year it helped us raise a record amount and we expect it will be an incentive for generous giving again this year," he added.

As one of the largest and most active historical organizations in Maine, the society offers a broad range of exhibits, special events, lectures, and other activities for diverse audiences. Its period house museum and research library draw visitors from throughout the world.

In order to maintain the society's operations and keep it moving forward, the annual fund plays a major role. Support is sought on a national and international level from members and friends living in forty-five states and abroad.

Gifts to the 2009 Annual Fund are welcomed in any amount and can be made online by going to the society's website: [www.bethelhistorical.org](http://www.bethelhistorical.org).

In order to count for this year's challenge, all gifts must be received prior to 31 December 2009 and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society fosters a sense of place — centered in western Maine and the White Mountain region — by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars.

Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society makes the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable.

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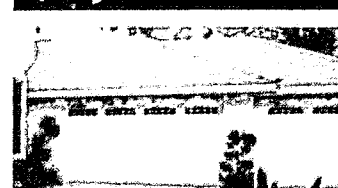
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6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2428 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p\_mccartney@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters**, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thru Jan. 2010 - **At Norway Library**: Local scenes: paintings and prints by Cynthia Burmeister. FMI: 743-5309 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

**U.S. Census Bureau testing** for spring work (\$14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile: 10:30 a.m. Mondays Crescent Park School and 2 p.m. Dixfield Library; Tuesdays 2 p.m. Upton Town Office (appointment only) and 2 p.m. Andover Town Hall; 10 a.m. Wednesday Roxbury Town Hall and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium. 6 p.m. in Mexico tba. FMI: 1 (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for exact dates.

**Harvest Gold Gallery**, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Free of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd. Earrings — pendants, rings, charms, bracelets. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

## Thru December 24

**Country Christmas in Bethel** - Wagon rides through Bethel Village, open houses, shopping specials, Santa, Christmas tree lighting, caroling, Living Nativity (Dec. 20). FMI: 824-2282.

## Thru December 31

In memory of **Walter Clark** (12/23/21-10/28/09) a showing of his lifetime artworks will be at Elements Art Gallery, Philbrook Barn, 162 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: contact Sara Haemon at 357-0189.

## Thursday, Dec. 17

9:30 to 11 a.m. - **Steve and Peggy Wight** send invitation to join them for coffee at The Wilderness House (formerly Sunday River Inn) as expression of appreciation of the support they received while in business there.

## Library Hours

**Andover Library**: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1:430 pm; Thursday 1:430 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

**Bethel Library**: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

**Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill**: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel: 743-2980

**Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond**: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

**West Paris Library, West Paris**: Monday 1:30-5; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

**Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover**: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

**Upton Library**: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-noon.

## Items for the Community Calendar

may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office. E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

3 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society** special membership meeting at Dr. Moses Mason House to consider society's bylaws. Members urged to attend. FMI: 824-2908.

6 p.m. - **Pleasant Valley Grange**, West Bethel, meeting/potluck supper.

6 to 10 p.m. - **Celebration of Rocky Freda's Life**. Food, music, auction, for which food, and auction items being collected. Donation, \$10, collected at door for buffet dinner and music (all of which benefit Rocky's widow, Lisa). Children under 12 \$5. RSVP necessary to Matterhorn (824-6271) no later than Monday, Dec. 14.

7 p.m. - **Let It Snow**, Art Moves Informal Holiday Show at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, Route 26, South Paris. Tickets: \$5 advance (available at Books 'n Things, Norway) or \$7 at door. FMI: 743-5569

## Friday, Dec. 18

6:30 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night** with guest host Mary Christine at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up for performers begins 6:30 p.m. and open mic begins 7 p.m. \$3 donation at door. Refreshments available.

**Buy Local Late Night**. Several businesses will stay open until 8 p.m. FMI: call 824-2282.

## Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 and 19

**Christmas Cantata, "The Best Christmas Present Ever!"** performed by South Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Forestdale school children at the church in the valley. Times: Friday, Dec. 18, 6:45 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 19, 10:45 a.m.

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: Bah Hoonchbach-A Very Odd Christmas Carol. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children. Special matinee performances Dec. 12-13 and 18-19 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10/\$8/\$4. FMI: visit www.Oddfellow.com.

## Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 18, 19, 20

**Sunday River's 50th Birthday Celebration.**

## Saturday, Dec. 19

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Families in Crisis Task Force Toy Distribution** at Family Counseling Service Office, 659 Park Street (Route 26), South Paris. For grandparents and parents of low-income or crisis situations. Also given out (while last) turkeys and/or hams. FMI: 357-7072.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides** begin at town common near Chapman Inn, sponsored by Dream Realty.

7 p.m. - **Waterford Library Holiday Community Gathering** on Waterford Common with candlelight caroling. Refreshments after. Santa will be there and each child will receive a book. All invited to attend.

## Dec 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 23

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 7701 Main Street, Oxford. FMI: call Patty 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

## Saturdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 701 Main Street, Oxford. Attend only one for certificate (daycare providers, foster parents, Maine Guides, forestry and non-healthcare related positions). FMI: call Patty at 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

## Sunday, Dec. 20

1 to 4 p.m. - **Christmas Open House** at Lovell Historical Society's 1839 Kimball-Stanford House, Route 5 and Old Stage Road, Lovell. The Lovell News available for sale, four raffle prizes; \$5 book of six tickets or six for \$1 each with drawing at 3 p.m. FMI or to purchase tickets: call 925-9234 (may also be purchased that day).

2 p.m. - **Holiday Concert** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Donation at door \$5. Program includes anthems, chants, seasonal readings and rounds. FMI: 743-2828 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

5 p.m. - **Living Nativity** on Bethel common.

**Christmas Concert**, with singer Polly Heath at Nazarene Church following Living Nativity on Bethel common.

## Tuesday, Dec. 22

7 p.m. - **Telstar Music Department Holiday Music Concert**. High and Middle School Ensembles and Solo and Duet performances, Helen Berry Auditorium. Free, but donations gladly accepted at door. Come show your support for music education. Hope to see you all there!

## Thursday, Dec. 24

4 and 7 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Services** at West Parish Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), 32 Church Street, Bethel: 4 p.m. Christmas story in drama, song and bells and 7 p.m. traditional service of Lessons and Carols with candlelight and chancel choir.

5 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve service** at North Waterford Congregational Church, Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 and 37.

6 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Service** at Bethel United Methodist Church.

7 p.m. - **Candlelight Service** at Bethel Alliance Church joined by Bethel Church of Nazarene at the Alliance Church at 251 Walker's Mills Road, Bethel.

7:30 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Interdenominational Worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale and Gospel singer Cynthia Clark at Barker Mountain Lodge 3rd floor, Sunday River Resort.

7:30 p.m. - **Candlelight Service** at West Paris Universalist Church.

## Saturday, Dec. 26

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Parks Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5.

## Sunday, Dec. 27

1 p.m. - **100th Birthday Celebration for Edna York's 100th Birthday** at Locke Mills Legion. A funny anecdote, special memory, a way Edna has blessed your life, and attribute you admire would be appreciated by Nov. 30 to Patty Hyland, 113 Sanders Avenue, Scotia, N.Y. 12302.

## Tuesday, Dec. 29

7 p.m. - **Maine Hysterical Society** in action, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at Sunday River.

## Thursday, Dec. 31

**New Year's Party** with dance music by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Reservations: call Betty DeCoteau (743-7965). Cost: \$12.50 singles and \$25 couples.

## Friday, Jan. 1

11 a.m. - **26th Annual Carter's Last Stand**, New Year Back Country Guided Ski tour at Carter's XC Ski Center, Bethel. BBQ lunch follows.

## Saturday, Jan. 2

**Skating Lessons** 8-week United Figure Skating program starts at Long Lake Skating School, Bridgton Ice Arena. All skaters welcome, toddler to adult. FMI: call Laurie 655-2774.

7 p.m. - **Dave Garrity, illusionist**, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at Sunday River.

## Sundays, Jan. 3 and 31, March 28

**Community Free Ski Days** for SAD44 residents at Sunday River Ski Resort, plus free skiing and riding, free rentals, free First Experience Learn to Ski and Ride clinics available for ages 15 and up (pre-registration required), 50 percent discount at food and beverage outlets. Proof of residency needed by driver's license, tax bill or document showing address.

## Monday, Jan. 4

6:30 to 8:30 - **Socrates Cafe** meeting at Waterford Library with Theme "Preparing for 21st Century Jobs: How Do We Go About It?" Jim Kearney facilitator. FMI: call 583-6957 or e-mail wla@Waterford.lib.me.us.

# Church Services

## ALBANY

### Congregational Church

- Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

## ANDOVER

### First Congregational Church

- Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

### Calvary Bible Church

- Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

## BETHEL

### Bethel Alliance Church

- Rev. Kevin Bellingier, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

### Church of the Nazarene

- Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info.. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

### Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows

- 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 pm. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

### Episcopal House Church

- Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

### West Parish Congregational

- Rev. Virginia Riekman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-0550.

### United Methodist

- Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.

### West Bethel Union

- Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

### Pleasant Valley Bible

- Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

### Church of Christ

- at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

### Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship

- Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

## EAST STONEHAM

### Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford

- Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

## GORHAM, NH

**Assembly of God** - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

### Gorham Congregational Church

- Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

## LOCKE MILLS

**Locke Mills Union** - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9

a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

## MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

## NEWRY

### Sunday River Christian Ministry

- with Rev. Don Coverdale. Special annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service (Dec. 24) by the upstairs fireplace in Barker Mtn. Lodge, 7:30 pm. Regular services start the following Sunday (Dec. 27) upstairs at White Cap, 10-11 a.m. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

## NORWAY/PARIS

### First Church of Christ, Scientist

- Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

### Trinity Lutheran Church

- Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

### North Paris Federation

- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2568. Singersperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

### Oxford Hills Friends

(Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

### Christ Episcopal Church

- 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

### First Baptist Church of Paris

- On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

### St. Catherine's

- Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway

- 11am worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

## OXFORD

### St. Mary's

- Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

### Our Lady of Ransom

- Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## RUMFORD

### St. Barnabus Episcopal Church

- Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

### Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John

- 125 Main Ave.. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

## RUMFORD CENTER

### Praise Assembly of God

- Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

## RUMFORD POINT

### Rumford Point Church

- Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

## SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

## WEST PARIS

### Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris

- 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

### West Paris Baptist

- Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am



# Sports

## High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Livermore 67, Telstar 42; Dec. 14— Dan Vaughn had 20 points and six rebounds.

Telstar 62, Lisbon 50; Dec. 11— Telstar leading scorers: Dan Vaughn 24, Danny Whitney 10, Ben Field 9, Corey Howard 9. Rebounds: Howard 10, Field 10, T.J. O'Connor 8. Vaughn had seven steals and Whitney had five assists.

Madison 56, Telstar 46; Dec. 8— Telstar leading scorers: Dan Vaughn 12; Danny Whitney 10; Ben Field 8, Corey Howard 8. Rebounds: Field 8, Howard 8.

## High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Livermore 62, Telstar 42; Dec. 14— Telstar scorers: Dominic Haines 19; Nick Mills 7; Michael Bolduc 6. "Tied after three quarters, the Rebels had to go to their bench and lost a hard-fought battle at Livermore. This was the best team we have played to date and this is the best we have played," said Coach David Berry

Telstar 54, Lisbon 53; Dec. 11—Telstar scorers: Nick Mills 14, Emma Davis 8, Dominic Haines 8, Michael Black 6, Devin Vail 6, Jenna Putnam 6. "Devin Vail hit the game-winning shot with 11 seconds left to give the Rebels a hard-fought one-point victory. Foul shooting is still a problem, as the Rebels went 4 for 12, but Emma Davis and Jenna Putnam each had two three-pointers to keep the Rebels on top." — Coach David Berry

Madison 50, Telstar 37; Dec. 8— Telstar scorers: Dominic Haines 9; Emma Davis 5; Nick Mills 4; Michael Black 4. "Not a good effort by the Rebels, who were two for 11 from the free throw line and were outscored 17-6 in the fourth quarter." — Coach David Berry

## TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

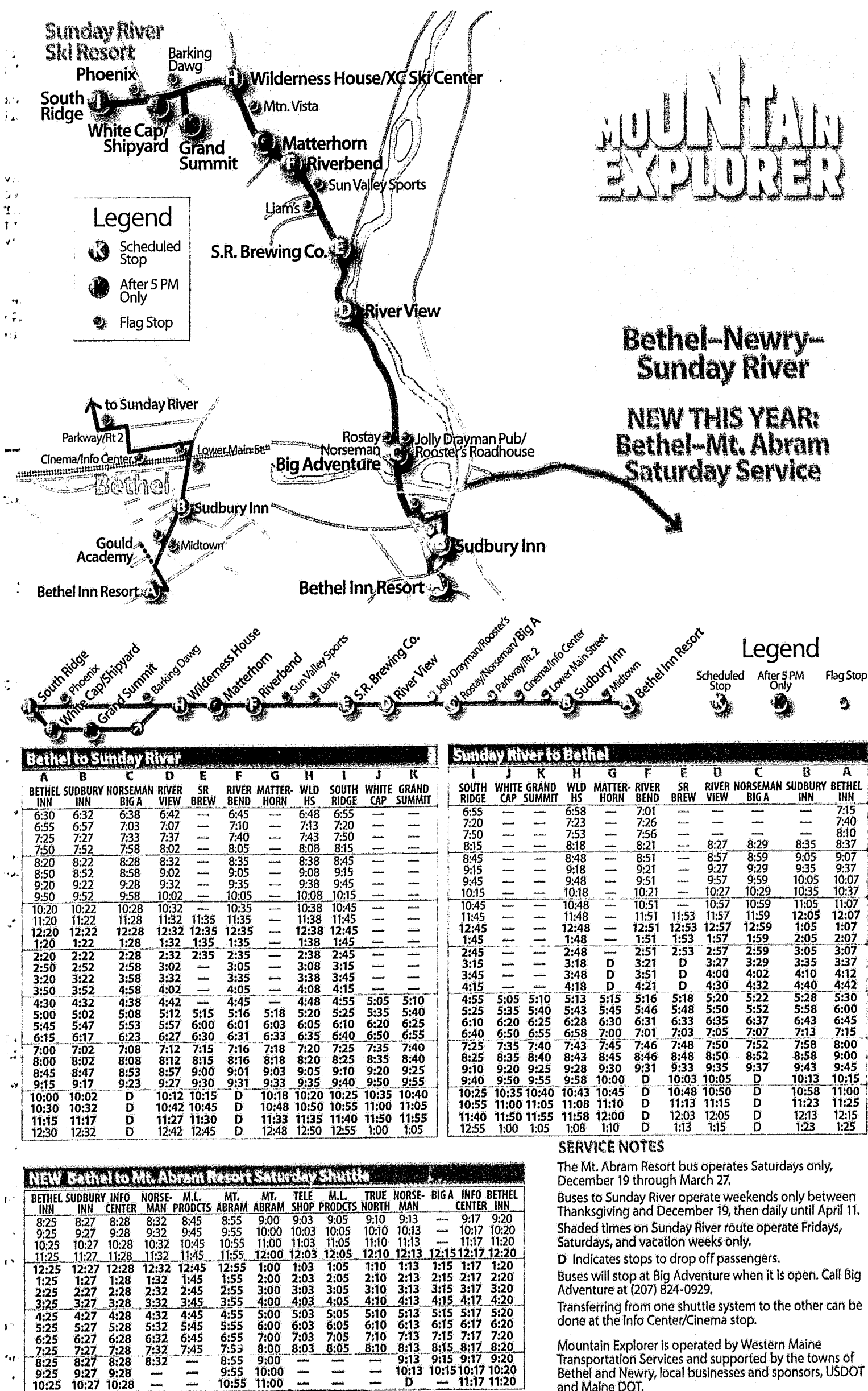
Dirigo 49, Telstar 29; Dec. 14— Telstar's Nik Conrad led the team scoring with 9 points, Josef Holt had 7, and Cameron Pike added 6 off the bench. The team is now 3-1 for the season.

Telstar 32, Jay 29; Dec. 10—Telstar improved their record to 2-0 with nice come back win over Jay. Josef Holt led the team scoring with 14 points., and Austin Ryerson added 8. Nik Conrad and Tyler Cherkis had many steals in the fourth quarter to help seal the game. Telstar out scored Jay 17-7 with a very determined press. Great team effort.— coach Tim O'Connor

## TMS Boys' J.V. Basketball

Dirigo 40, Telstar 29; Dec. 14.

Jay 29, Telstar 15; Dec. 10.



## Telstar High School Boys' Basketball

### Roster:

Junior co-captains T.J. O'Connor, Daniel Vaughn, Elek Pew, Ben Field; juniors Zach Brands, Josh Bellinger, Emma Davis; senior Tony York; sophomores Danny Whitney, Corey Howard, Drew Wilson, Devin Vail.

### Overview:

A young team, but returning experience with six lettermen. There is one senior, Tony York, who has not played since seventh grade. The Rebels should be a good rebounding team with O'Connor, Vaughn, Field and Howard looked upon to lead us. Scoring should be balanced, led by Field, Vaughn, Howard and Whitney. We hope to compete with all the teams we face in a tough MVC that always produces a lot of Class C tournament teams. Pew, Brands and Wilson add a trio of good defenders to this club and could on some nights put up some points for us. I hope by the season's end we will be a solid club. Bellinger, Vail and Davis round out the club and will be used off the bench to help make this a deep team. — Coach Mark Thurlow

### MFHA ALL-STATERS

Two Telstar High School seniors were named to the Maine Field Hockey Association's 2009 All-State Team. Pictured here with THS coach Gail Wight are Samantha Largess (left) and Mariah Bundy. Largess, a halfback and Mountain Valley Conference First Team All-Star, scored three goals and had three assists this past season. Bundy, a fullback and MVC First- and Second-Team All-Star had two goals and two assists.



## School Lunch

Week of Dec. 21

### Telstar Lunches

Monday: Ham hoagie/roll, potato starz, Strawberry cup. Pizza choices, hot sandwich options.  
Tuesday: Pizza choices, green salad, hot sandwich options.  
Wednesday: Christmas Vacation begins.  
Fruit and vegetable bar available daily. Four servings of fruits and vegetables available.

### SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Ham hoagie/roll, strawberry cups. PB&J uncrustables  
Tuesday: Stuffed shells, green beans. PB&J uncrustables.  
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, bagged lunch, snack. Early release.  
Thursday: Christmas Vacation begins.  
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369 0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

### AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

### ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

### CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

### EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm. Thursday 1-4pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663 or 665-2226 to learn more details.

### HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area call 744-4031 or call 364-4430 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org

### MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm. Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-6pm; Wednesday 3-6pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3544 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 923-3222.

### POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

### REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741



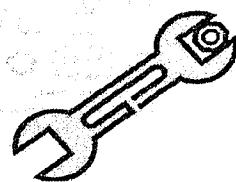
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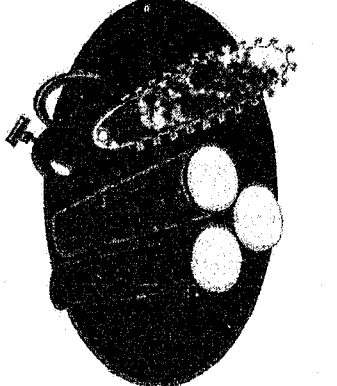
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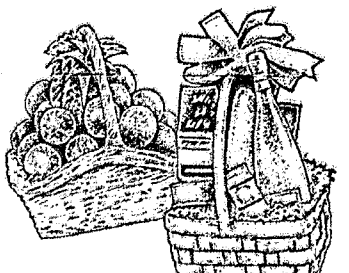
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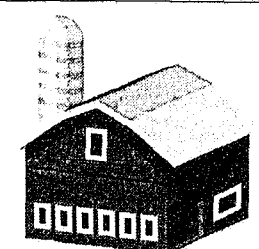


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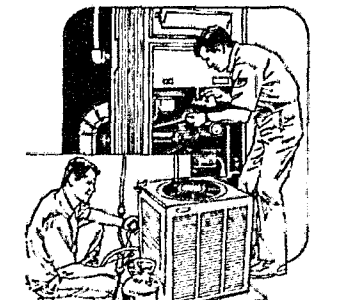
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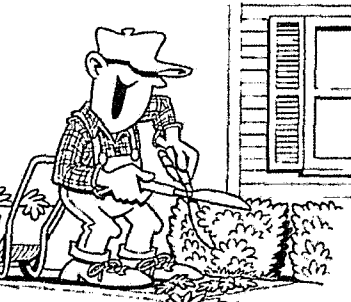
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The Lovell News was published from November 1975 until April 1988 by three boys from Lovell Village, ages ten and twelve.

Their three- to four-page newspapers were published every other week and included general news, weather, sports

and gossip.

The newspaper's popularity exceeded the boys' expectations. The subscribers were a combination of avid in-town and out-of-state readers. Both the Boston Transcript and the Portland Sunday Telegram carried front-page articles on the publishing achievement of the boys.

Today The Lovell News presents a compelling story of life in Lovell during the 1930s. Often the writing is humorous, but it also highlights important moments in the life of the town.

As a body of work, The Lovell News is an innocent view of a period in history that is fascinating to recall — depression era, pre-war, small-town New England.

Included in the re-publica-

tion of these issues are over sixty images culled from the archives of the Lovell Historical Society. The book is hardcover with a dust jacket, about 300 pages and \$40 per book. The last surviving editor of The Lovell News, Timmy Warren, will be on hand to sign copies, weather permitting.

In addition to the book sale and signing, the Kimball-Stanford House will be decorated for the holidays and the museum exhibit will be open, featuring a new display of local artifacts. An assortment of holiday "goodies" will be offered in the Bakeshop along with free refreshments to all. Additionally, children will have the opportunity to decorate their own cookies, again free.

Also available is the opportunity to win one of four raffle prizes: a \$100 gift certificate to Ebenezer's Restaurant & Pub, a \$100 gift certificate to Harvest Gold Gallery, a \$75 gift certificate to the Center Lovell Inn, and a \$50 gift certificate to Lovell Hardware. Tickets for the raffle are \$5 for a book of six or \$1 each. The raffle drawing will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday and tickets may be purchased either by calling the Historical Society at 925-3234 or by buying them that day.

The Kimball-Stanford House is at the corner of Route 5 and Old Stage Road (across from the Lake Kezar Country Club) in Lovell.

For more information visit the society's website at [lovelhistoricalsociety.org](http://lovelhistoricalsociety.org).

# **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club**

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club met Friday at 9:15 in the Fare Share building, Main Street, Norway. A 3 table Howell movement was enjoyed. This was our annual Christmas observance; everyone had a great time, thanks to all who brought goodies to snack on.

Finishing first in flight A were Pete Cummings and Denny Raymond with Jim Fallon and Richard Worthington second who also were first in flight B.

Finishing second in flight B were Priscilla Rooth and

Hazel Glazier.

Next Friday there is another game same time and place; all bridge players are cordially welcomed. A partner is always guaranteed.

This will be our last scheduled game for 2009, as the next two Fridays are holidays.

I take this time to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If it were not for your participation, this club would not survive.

Let's all see if next year we can each invite a new prospective player/member of the club to join you and enjoy the game of bridge, offer to play with that person for a while.

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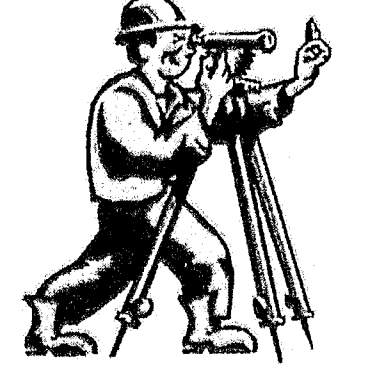
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## From the Director

It looks like winter is finally here! Just a reminder to parents that MKA does have outdoor programming every day! It would be really nice if you could send in extra mittens with your child. Many times when a child comes after-school their outdoor gear is very wet. We do have a small supply of extra mittens and snowpants but not enough. We would be happy to take donations of hats and mittens!

The last day for gymnastics before the break is Dec 15th. Bridget will have another session in the new year. Art Club with Ms. I will also start up again in January. I am happy to announce that Ms. Haines is now available to do Homework Help with 4th and 5th grade students after-school.

Best of luck to our MKA Lego team that will be competing at the statewide competition at the Augusta Civic Center on Saturday. They have worked really hard the past couple of months.

MKA had a great time at the Business Showcase. We touched base with many old friends and made some new ones! Thanks to the Chamber staff and members for such a great day for our community.

Finally, because Wednesday, December 23rd is an early release day in SAD #44, MKA will be closed on that day. On behalf of the whole MKA staff, have a wonderful holiday and a great vacation!

- Julie Hart,  
MKA Director



Keona Bouchard, Bella DeVivo, Felecity Indermuehle, Matt Chiasson and Megan Kelly (MKA staff) experimenting with static electricity on the playground



Manny Garcia and Jake Chiasson building their robots out of recycled craft



Mrs. Salway showing the kids how to make a holiday pine cone bird ornament



Coltin Fulk finishing his fabric scrap turkey with Mrs. Salway



At the end of the week we really need some crazy time, so we have a little dance party the YMCA was just one of many dances we did that day



Dominic Haines is cooking pizza bites at Club Rebel



Heather Miller and Michele Bouchard work together to make a wreath for auction at Bethel Business Expo



Joey Blanchard helps make a wreath for display at Telstar



THS senior Kristy White helping TMS students Kirstie Haas and Ani Inman make homemade Pinatas.

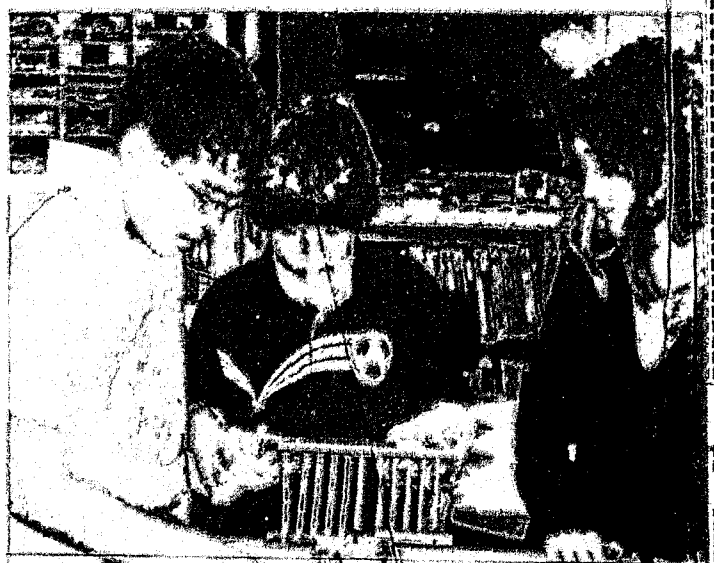
## Fun at Lego League



Willis Stevens, Ali Turnick on the computer at Lego League



Matt Chiasson and George Connors constructing Legos



Matt Bennett, George Connors and Ali Turnick figuring lego design for competition

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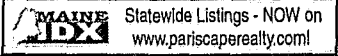
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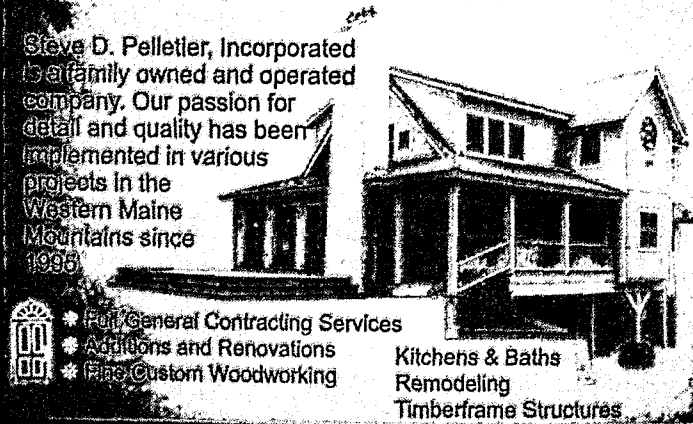
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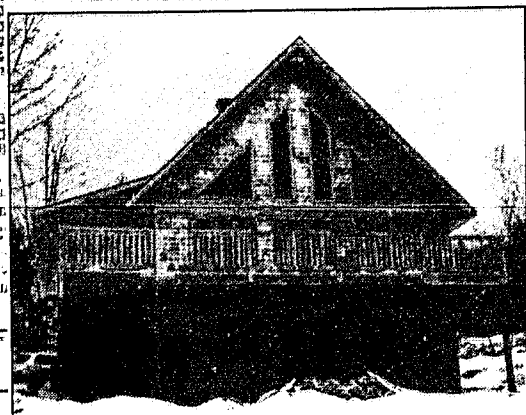
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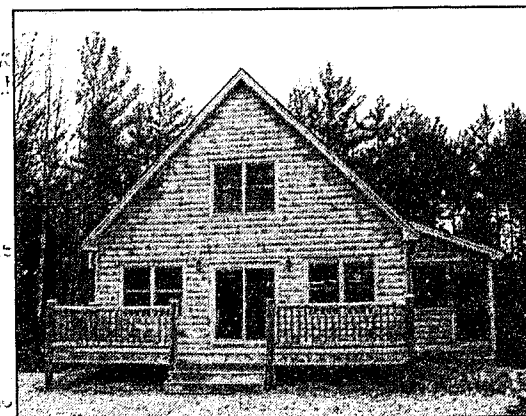


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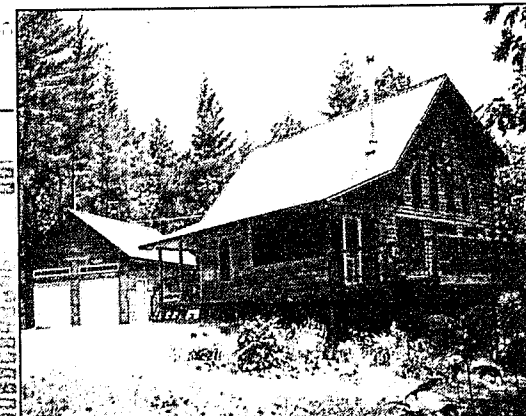
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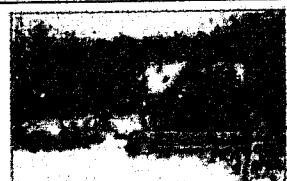
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| <br>An absolutely breathtaking locale enveloped with lush mt. vistas & glorious foliage on 4.5 acres nicely enhances the beauty of this spacious 2007 modern home with in-law apt. Many extras... many details. \$325,000  | <br>A pristine ski palace situated in a charming neighborhood within walking distance to Road Runner trail & Barker Mt. Base Lodge! Lovingly maintained & renovated, you'll love the special floor plan & adorable lot upon which it sits. 3 family room areas, 3 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, hot tub - welcome to Ski Country - \$875,000 | <br>Scenic pond views abound from this 3 BR Contemporary Chalet w/ideal Floor Plan & Scenic Pond Views! \$210,000                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>BETHEL INN/FARWAY</b><br>540-541 2 BR \$194,900<br><b>BETHEL INN/MILLBROOK</b><br>600 2 BR \$379,000<br><b>CHAMBERLAIN CONDOMINIUMS</b><br>#33A 2 BR \$184,900<br><b>EDEN RIDGE TOWNHOMES</b><br>3B 3 BR \$OLD<br><b>RIVERBEND CONDOMINIUMS</b><br>S 2 BR \$169,000<br><b>SUNDAY RIVER ESTATES</b><br>Unit #2 3 BR \$OLD<br><b>TEMPERIDGE TOWNHOMES</b><br>33 2 BR \$OLD<br><b>MOUNTAIN VISTA TOWNHOMES</b><br>15 3 BR \$319,000<br>Unit #1 3 BR \$299,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| New Listing!                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Red Farm House Village                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | New Listing!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <br>Fantastic new foreclosure is being offered at a most competitive price. Lovely home-site in a charming neighborhood. Open, spacious floorplan, huge master suite, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Call for details! \$79,900    | <br>4 Atherton Drive<br>Selling Agent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <br>This foreclosure constitutes a fantastic deal while offering 4 bedrooms w/ walk-out basement on 6.7 acres. Take a peek! \$78,500                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Jerry K's Korner on the Market!** (An 8-legged perspective on Real Estate & Life)  
 Jerry, that Christmas tree is magnificent! Where in the world did you get it?  
 Well, Ben, you know that beautiful parcel we listed on Rt. 2 across from the Riverview in Bethel with the splendid mountain vista views?  
 Jerry, if you're referring to Jane & John Doe's land, which Mom and Dad have listed, not you, I agree it is magnificent. But, what does this have to do with this specific tree?  
 Well, Ben, selective clearing is beneficial on a property such as this, so I gave the Does the Holiday gift of giving my personal services to cut & clear this overgrown beauty. Free of charge, by the way.  
 Speaking of clearing, Jerry, did you clear this with the Does or Mom and Dad?  
 You know, Ben, even at 2 dog years of age, my memory fails me at times.  
 Yes, Jerry, it is called "selective" memory and you'd best remember never to do this again without permission. As far as that  
 Rt. 2 parcel goes, however, you are right, it is splendid and definitely worth considering should one be in the market to construct a new home.  
 Yeah, Ben, & to make up for my oversight, I am offering to help supervise the further clearing of any trees on this property in exchange for some of the harvest. You see, I've a vision - you, me, a simple pickup truck with a rustic yet attention-getting sign right smack on the interstate where we will sell our Holiday greenery. Talk about a gravy train!  
 Oh, Brother, I'm taking you to Doc Stue's for your meds, immediately!

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| <b>NEW PRICE</b><br><br><b>804 Flat Road, Albany Township:</b><br>Colonial on beautiful 4+ acre lot with frontage on Pleasant River. This home features a large living room with wood flooring, woodstove & hearth, master suite, country kitchen, screened porch & attached 2-car garage. Outbuilding for gardening shed or workshop. \$249,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>NEW PRICE</b><br><br><b>121 Keystone Drive, Powder Ridge:</b><br>4-BR 3-bath home with sweeping views. Open floor plan, cathedral ceiling, soaring stone fireplace, stainless steel appliances & granite countertops & wrap-around deck. A family retreat for all seasons. Prime location, great price. \$399,000     | <b>NEW PRICE</b><br><br><b>41 Forrest Lane, Greenwood:</b><br>3-BR 2-bath home in the South Pond Shores development. Open concept living/dining/kitchen area with cathedral ceiling, master suite with loft area deck & full daylight basement. Members enjoy access to beach on South Pond, and view of boats, ps & dock area. \$235,000  |
| <br><b>31 Mammoth Drive, Powder Ridge:</b><br>This incredible 9-BR 4-bath, 8,500-sq-ft home is a truly lovely turn-key. A separate look-out unit can be rented or used to accommodate family & friends. The home also boasts 2 hot tubs, pool with screened outbuilding & dressing rooms, home theater & more. \$1,759,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <br><b>Unit 59, Riverbend Condominiums:</b><br>This appealing 2-story unit features 2 BRs, 2 baths, private entrance with interior ski storage, master suite, stainless steel appliances & a deck. Reasonable condo fees make this a great value. A designated spot on the Mountain Express bus route. \$209,000         | <br><b>82 South Shore Road, Hanover:</b><br>Beautiful 3 BR 1.5 bath waterfront cottage with 200' of frontage on Hawks Pond. Features include screened porch overlooking water, fieldstone fireplace, double deck for additional privacy & 2 docks for swimming, boating & fishing. Sold fully furnished. \$279,000                         |
| <br><b>19 Mills Hill Road, Newry:</b><br>This fully furnished gem, with 7 BRs & 3+ baths, is in mint condition and less than a minute drive or 5-minute walk to South Ridge Lodge. A lock-out apartment allows owners to use it as a mountain getaway and collect rental income at the same time. \$459,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <br><b>151 Hall Hill Road, Rumford:</b><br>Impressive 3-BR 2-bath home on a beautiful parcel of land with stone walls, mt. views, 2 ponds & professional landscaping. Quality construction and upgrades including hardwood flooring, granite countertops, fireplace, brick exterior, concrete driveway & more. \$299,000 | <br><b>1322 Intervale Road, Bethel:</b><br>Beautiful 3 BR 1.5 bath home on 67 acres with Androscoggin River frontage. The home is bright with great light & mt. views. Open concept living space w/ vaulted ceilings. Master suite on the 1st floor, 2 BRs on the 2nd floor with shared bath. Basement is set up for a rec room. \$199,000 |
| Land                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>NEW LISTING Lot 55 Fairway Dr, Newry:</b> This Mahoosuc Glen home site is looking toward the 7th hole of the championship course at the Sunday River Golf Club. Enjoy beautiful views of the Mahoosuc Range from this 1+ acre lot. \$145,000<br><b>28 Breckenridge Road, Newry:</b> This 2.03-acre hideout in sought-after Powder Ridge has panoramic views from Puzzle Mountain across the Androscoggin River Valley to the lights of Bethel Village. \$109,000<br><b>Lot 2, The Peaks:</b> One of the few lots at The Peaks offering frontage on the Sunday River. Large 4.6-acre lot with beautiful mountain views and extensive river frontage. Easy building lot w/gentle slope. \$119,000<br><b>Winter Park, Bethel:</b> Subdivision featuring premier building lots with spectacular mountain views and an abundance of natural beauty. 9 lots range in size from 1.22 - 3.22 acres and in price from \$59,900 - \$119,900.<br><b>Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 42:</b> Situated along the fairway at the beautiful Sunday River Golf Club, this premier building site offers a rare opportunity to build a dream vacation home with gorgeous mountain views. \$189,000 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Premier Offering - The Bingham House, in Bethel's Historic District                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| The Bingham House, once the private estate of philanthropist William Bingham II, is located in the Historic District of Bethel Village abutting the Bethel Inn Resort's 18-hole championship golf course. This exquisitely designed single-style home showcases a gambrel roof and a striking portico. A leaded glass semicircular fan and sidelights adorn the front door. The interior offers three fireplaces with ornately carved mantels, a custom painted mural wallpaper in the formal dining room, butler's pantry, hand-carved ceiling beams, raised panel walls, built-in bookcases, French doors, hardwood flooring, and a fully functioning elevator. The home has recently undergone renovation including a new, beautifully designed kitchen with details carefully chosen in keeping with the other period details of the home. Set upon a gorgeous, tree-lined lot with formal grounds, six bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths. \$849,000                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



# Obituaries



**MARIE D. ANDERSON**

Marie Daniele Anderson, 52, of Gilead, died unexpectedly in Berlin, N.H., on Dec. 6, 2009.

She was born in Sacramento, Calif., on Nov. 13, 1957, the daughter of William C. and Barbara (Webb) Guthzeit Sr. and was educated in Plymouth, Maine schools and had attended cosmetology school in Portland.

She loved the outdoors enjoying snowmobiling, camping, four wheeling and swimming and was an avid lover of organic life.

Marie, a loving mother and grandmother, is survived by her domestic partner, Franklin Coriveau of Gilead; one son, Noland Dean Godsoe of Alaska; two daughters, Charmain Gordon and her husband Richard of Harrison and Shena Bourgeois and her husband Robert Chapman of Gilead; three brothers, William Guthzeit and his wife Martha of Buxton, Thomas Guthzeit of Gilead and Ralph Guthzeit of Biddeford; seven grandchildren, Makayla Gordon, Dre-wann Gordon, Dylan Gordon and Shane Gordon all of Harrison and Taiah Buker, Juleigha Taylor and J-Lyn Roy all of Gilead as well as her two beloved dogs, Jack and Gunther.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Memorials in her memory are requested to a trust fund for her grandchildren, c/o Northeast Bank, P.O. Box, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.andrewsgreenleaf.com](http://www.andrewsgreenleaf.com).



**JOHN F. NEWMYER**

John Francis Newmeyer, 85, of the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris passed away at Stephens Memorial Hospital on Dec. 8, 2009, of complications from his dementia.

John was born in New Brunswick, N.J., on Aug. 1, 1924, the first son to Francis John Newmeyer and Margaret (Roth) Newmeyer. John attended schools in East and New Brunswick until 1942, when he enlisted in the US Navy to fight in World War II, where he served as a gunner on Atlantic convoys.

After the war, he married Dorothy Lecky of New Brunswick, N.J., completed his high school degree and began his career as a carpenter. He ran his own business before joining the Brotherhood of Carpenter's Union where he was a Master Carpenter. His craftsmanship was legendary, and he was always in demand. He built hundreds of homes and commercial buildings all over central New Jersey.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his brothers and sons. Almost every Sunday, he took his family to Point Pleasant Beach. He was an avid gardener and reader, especially books about WW II. He was always quick with a compliment and had a twinkle in his eye, especially for the ladies. He served on various boards over the years including the East Brunswick Chamber of Commerce.

He relocated to Plainsboro, N.J., where he built another family home before moving into a condo at Ravens Crest, where he planted and kept a famous flower garden and made many friends.

John moved to West Paris, Maine in 2006 to live with his eldest son and wife, Jack and Wendy Newmeyer. He had spent many happy vacations at their home through the years, always eager to help with building projects.

*In Memory*  
**Mother and Grandmother**  
**Ethel Martin**  
Dec. 24, 1915 ~ Oct. 16, 2007  
And  
**Brother and Uncle**  
**Curt Alan Martin**  
Dec. 20, 1942 ~ April 16, 1998  
On Their Birthdays

There's not a day that passes by  
That we don't find you near.  
You're in the first Spring tulip  
And all things we hold dear.  
You are the bird upon the wing  
And although we are apart  
The memories that we all share  
Are locked up in my heart.

*Sandra and*  
*Richard Morgan*  
*Alan Curt*  
*Dunham*  
*Debra Jo Dunham*

He lived with them until December 2008, when he moved to the Veterans' Home due to his illness.

John is survived by all seven of his children: John "Jack" Newmeyer and wife Wendy of West Paris, Maine, Donna Anderson of Norway, Maine, Joseph Newmeyer of Dallas, Ga., Jeffrey Newmeyer of Auburn, Maine, Jeanne and husband Bill Bennett of Clinton, Mo., Carl Newmeyer and wife Patty Hart of Whitmore Lake, Mich., and Jim Newmeyer of Hightstown, N.J.

John was predeceased by the love of his life, Dorothy, who sadly passed away in 1970, after 24 years of marriage. Also gone are two sisters, Mary (Newmeyer) Hillhouse and Agnes (Newmeyer) Plaganis.

John also leaves behind five grandchildren, Billy and Kayla Newmeyer of western Maine, Joe-Ryan and Caitlyn Newmeyer of Dallas, Ga., and Melissa Newmeyer of Trenton, N.J.; and his siblings, James Newmeyer of Calabash, N.C., Thomas Newmeyer of Sunset Beach, N.C., Francis Newmeyer of Pompano Beach, Fla., Anne Mason of Oregon City, Ore., and Marguerite Sandor of Vienna, Austria.

Funeral services will be jointly provided by Andrews Funeral Home of South Woodstock, Maine and Rezem's Funeral Home of East Brunswick, N.J., followed by a burial at St. Peter's Cemetery in New Brunswick, N.J. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.andrewsgreenleaf.com](http://www.andrewsgreenleaf.com).

"May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

— Traditional Irish Blessing and one of John's favorites.

## DAVID E. WALKER

David E. Walker, 58, died at the Androscoggin Hospice House on Dec. 9, 2009.

He was born in Lewiston on May 31, 1951 the son of Gerald and Margaret ("Tibbets") Walker and was educated in Bethel schools. David worked in the woods as a logger most of his life working for Bradley Benson. David loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by one son, Derek Walker of Woodstock; and one daughter, Faith Gittings of Oxford; six brothers, Doug Walker and his wife Jane of Bethel, Stanley Walker of Bethel, Harold Walker and his wife Bertha of Bryant Pond, Raymond Walker of Norway, Tommy Walker of

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank my family, friends and businesses that made my benefit a huge success.

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It was greatly appreciated in my time of need.

Thank You  
Gertrude Hinkley

Bethel and Stevie Walker and his wife Shirley of Bethel; four sisters, Phyllis Farrington and her husband Kenneth of Oxford, Gertrude Hinkley of Bryant Pond, Gail Mason and her husband Stuart of South Paris and Terri Skinner of Oxford; and two grandchildren, Courtney Walker and Abbigale Gittings. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Roland and Gerald; and three sisters, Sharon, Barbara Jean and Geraldine.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Memorials in David's memory are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 1 Main Street, Suite 300, Topsham, Maine 04086.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.andrewsgreenleaf.com](http://www.andrewsgreenleaf.com).



**ELEANOR PUGLIESE**

Eleanor Louise Learned Pugliese, died Dec. 10, 2009 at the Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center after a long illness.

She was born in Newry Maine on Nov. 21, 1917 the daughter of George Henry Learned and Bessie Jane Seale Learned. She attended Newry public schools, Gould Academy and graduated from Stephens High School in Rumford and took courses with LaSalle Extension University in Chicago, Ill.

On March 6, 1943, she was married in Alexandria, La., Staff Sergeant Anthony L. Pugliese of Kingston, N.Y., and the United States Army.

Eleanor worked as a secretary and accountant in the office of C. B. Cummings & Sons Company in Norway and later for the State of Maine Department of Corrections at the Maine Youth Center, South Portland, Maine as office supervisor and superintendent's secretary. In 1978 she took early retirement and with husband Tony moved from South Portland to Bog Road, Gilead, Maine.

She was a member of the National Society Daughters of American Revolution; Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter of Portland, Maine; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Judith Grover Tent 17, Bryant Pond; Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary; American Association of Retired Persons; Maine Association of Retirees; National Council of Senior Citizens, Bethel, Maine, and Oxford County Senior Citizens; Bethel Historical Society; Greater Androscoggin Humane Society; Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals. Her interests were reading, cats,

dogs, horses, skiing, gardening, hiking, and genealogy.

She was a gentle woman, loyal friend, caring neighbor, and especially a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who dearly loved all her family and pets. She treasured the simple things in life and delighted in nature. Mountain views fed her soul. She was patriotic and loved this country. She always gave thanks for her blessings and fervently hoped and prayed that people everywhere would just be kind to one another and learn to get along.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary-Jane Robichaud of Norway; and one son, Stephen A. Pugliese of Mechanic Falls; grandchildren, Marc D. Chamberlain of Estes Park Colo., Lt. Col. Susan Chamberlain, USAF, Navarre, Fla., and Erin L. Pugliese of Auburn; sister, Marion E. Thurston of Roxbury; sisters-in-law, Marie Miller and Hilda Pugliese both of Kingston, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews, all special to her.

She was predeceased by her husband, Tony Pugliese; and her brother, George F. Learned.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Greenleaf Funeral Home, Bethel, with the Rev. Leslie Foley officiating. If you were not able to attend the service, please celebrate Eleanor's life with random acts of kindness. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Doris Day Animal League, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037 or [ddal.org](http://ddal.org); Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills, P.O. Box 82, Norway, Maine 04268; Bethel Animal Hospital Second Chance Program, 179 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel, Maine 04217 or an animal welfare organization of your choice.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.andrewsgreenleaf.com](http://www.andrewsgreenleaf.com).

## MAYNARD L. HARLOW

Maynard Leroy "Butch" Harlow, 70, of the Harrison Road, Norway, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris following a long illness.

He was born in Bryant Pond on Aug. 8, 1939, the son of Everett and Myra Wilson Harlow. He attended Woodstock schools and graduated from high school in 1959.

He enlisted in the Army in 1959, and served until 1962, spending most of his time in Germany. He worked for A.C. Lawrence Leather Co., after his discharge from the service. In 1965, he went to work for B.E. Cole Shoe Co., where he met his bride of 44 years, Roberta Haines. After many years working in the manufacturing industry, he found his passion in 1982, driving trucks over the road. He drove all over the country and locally until his retirement in 2002. All his life he enjoyed working on automobiles, hunting and planting large vegetable gardens.

Maynard is survived by his wife, Roberta, of Norway; a daughter, Kelly L'Heureaux

and husband Don and granddaughter Jessie of Falmouth; a son, Kevin of Norway; brothers, Robert and wife Alberta of Freeport; Myron of Bryant Pond; and Hartland, and his wife Louella of West Paris; sisters, Eva Bowers of Locke Mills, Marilyn Houston and her husband Wyman of Bryant Pond, and Rose Hersey and her husband Albion of South Paris; his many friends; and his black lab Hooch, who was his loyal companion. He was predeceased by his parents; and a brother-in-law, Henry Bowers.

The family would like to express our sincere gratitude to the staff of Stephens Memorial Hospital, the Maine Veterans' Home and the team of doctors at Oxford Hills Internal Medicine for their unending care.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, South Paris, with spring interment in Riverside Annex Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be sent to the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, 55 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, or the Maine Veterans' Home, Activity Fund, 477 High Street, South Paris. Online condolences may be shared with his family at [www.westonchandler.com](http://www.westonchandler.com).

## Births

Dan M. Patten Jr. and Kimberly M. Bennett of South Paris, are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Cory Lewis Shane Patten, born Nov. 27, 2009, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ralph Bennett (deceased) and Debra Bennett and Paul Jackson of Waterford, Maine.

Paternal grandparents are Edwin Russell-Ballou and Jeffery Ballou and Dan M. Patten Sr. of Norway.

Cory Lewis joins his brothers, Jacob Ruokolainen, 15, Peter, 7, and Connor, 3.

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Briana and Nathan Brown of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Wilson Reginald Brown, born on Dec. 1, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are: Terry R. Wilson and Stanley Cordwell and the late Terry L. Wilson of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Reginald and Mary Brown of Bethel.

Our little one joins a sister, Isabella Mae, age 2½.

## Hot News Tip?

Call 824-2444, or e-mail: [news@bethelcitizen.com](mailto:news@bethelcitizen.com)

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, plants, cards, gifts and prayers I received during my recent hospitalization and recovery. Thanks for the great food we've received over the past weeks.

My appreciation to Dr. Moody and staff at St. Mary's and to the Rumford Hospital staff and therapists for their considerate care during my stay.

With Sincere Thanks  
Beverly Swan

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## WOODSTOCK RESIDENTS

### Town Meeting Warrant

Any Woodstock Resident wishing to have an article placed on the 2010 Town Meeting Warrant agenda should submit it to the Selectmen on or before January 15, 2010 as set by town vote.

### Snow Plowing

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item 4. A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

### Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2010 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office. Dogs that are six months old or older must now be licensed.

License fees are \$ 6.00 neutered/spayed  
\$11.00 not neutered/spayed  
\$42.00 Kennel (10 or more)

The Woodstock Dog Control Ordinance requires a kennel for more than three dogs at one residence.

You will need to bring a current rabies immunization and a certificate of neutering or spaying, if applicable.

A late fee of \$ 15.00 will be charged on February 1, 2010.

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